School Observes Liberty Tree Planting

On June 28 the entire summer school student body, faculty and staff gathered in front of the main building for the planting of MHS's liberty tree.

The southern magnolia donated by the Montevallo Bicentennial Commission was placed in position by teachers David Nichols, MHS Bicentennial chairman; and Barbara Belisle, Bicentennial Commission representative, and Principal W. C. Corbett.

Mr. Nichols notes that the first liberty tree was located in Boston and that under its branches the citizens held town meetings to discuss independence.

A TREE FOR LIBERTY

Summer school students watch as Principal W. C. Corbett and teachers David Nichols and Barbara Belisle plant the liberty tree on MHS's front campus.

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In Summer Session--

182 Students Attend Class

Summer school classes this year have included 182 students from 12 high schools. Sixty-three attended only one semester of the two-semester six-weeks program.

When classes end tomorrow, 19 graduating seniors end their high school careers with completion of the summer work.

Teachers for the summer session are Cathy Bearden (10th Eng.), Barbara Belisle (11th Eng.), Danny Cooper (9th Eng.), Susie DeMent (Typ. I, II).

Richard Gilliam (Biology), Charles Martin (American History), Douglas Morris (Alg. I, II), and David Nichols (Democracy-Economics).

Nine UM student teachers joined the faculty for five weeks.

460 Students Expected--

Aug. 26 Is Opening Day

MHS will open its doors Aug. 26 to begin the 1976-77 school term. Principal W. C. Corbett says approximately 460 students are expected to report.

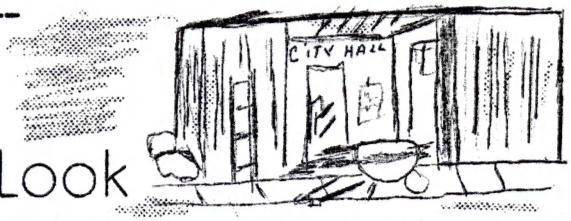
According to pre-registration figures, the 9th grade is the largest class with 149 students. The senior class follows with 91 members. Eighty-nine students have already been scheduled as sophomores and 85 as juniors. Thirty will enroll in special education.

Teachers will begin earlier as they meet Aug. 24 at Pelham High School for a countywide teachers' meeting, and attend a local faculty meeting at MHS Aug. 25. to prepare for the new year.

"We are expecting the same faculty members except for replacements for agribusiness teacher Gary Moncus who will teach at Woodland in Randolph County and special ed teacher Deleen Baker who will go to Shelby Academy next year," projects Mr. Corbett.

It's News Downtown--

City Hall Gets New Look



September has been set as the completion date for the current renovation of Montevallo's City Hall.

Improvements will include an enlarged police department, a new accounts payable office, a drive-in window, a new city council chamber, and a new flag pole.

Ye Olde Leather and Craft Shoppe which opened last Thursday on Main Street carries ready-made and custom leather crewel items and repairs leather articles.

Tops and Bottoms on Main Street received a new look this summer when it closed two weeks for remodeling.

According to Patt Burdette improvements include carpet collages and bamboo strips on the walls, new clothes racks and a flower box for the display window.

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson of Montevallo has opened Jo Ann's Specialty Shop behind Monk's Variety on Middle Street.

The new store features children's clothing--9 mos. to 14 yrs.; jeans, terrariums, and jean decorating kits.

Montevallo Fabric Shop opened July 6. It is located on Main Street in the building formerly occupied by Mary's Gift Shop.

Owner Emma Whitten says the store's stock includes cottons and knits.

13 Get Diplomas

When summer school ends tomorrow, MHS will have eight more students to join the ranks of alumni.

Candidates for graduation are Jay Fullerton, Philip Garrett, Wally Ingram, Linda Jones, Walter Jones, Horace Thrift, Julie Walker, and Theodis Young.

Earlier, at the end of the first semester, five students completed their high school education.

They are Janet Conwell, Cindy Eddings, Johnny Farrington, Dorothy Gilmore, and Linda Payne.

"It always makes me feel good to hand out diplomas to graduates," says Principal W. C. Corbett. "We congratulate them!"

MHS Is Summer Lab for UM

MHS's Summer program is conducted by the University of Montevallo rather than the Shelby County Board of Education which runs the regular school session.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett, one of the main reasons UM supports the program is to help its student teachers with their training. Nine student teachers here for training this summer from June 8 to July 9 and their supervisors are:

Mr. James Cochran of Marion and Mr. Fred Johnson of Montevallo (Mr. Charles Martin, American History); Mr. Reuben Compere of Brent and Mr. Bruce Ogilvie of Clanton (Mr. David Nichols, Democracy-Economics); Mrs. Judy Conaway of Selma (Coach Richard Gilliam, Biology) Mr. Bill Dunshee of Alabaster (Mrs. Cathy Bearden, sophomore English); Mr. Ron Edwards of Selma and Mr. Mike Purnell from Red Level (Mr. Danny Cooper, freshman English).

Mrs. Sonya Grant of Montevallo (Mrs. Barbara Belisle, junior English).

Mr. Corbett says, "Our summer school is a valuable service provided the community by the University. We appreciate it very much."

12 Schools Send Summer Students

Although the largest number of students attending summer school are from MHS(117), 11 other schools are represented in the 182 member student body.

Enrollments from other schools are: Calera, 31; Shelby County, 12; Shelby Academy, 7; Bibb County, 4; Vincent, 4; Jemison, 2.

Cahawba Christian, Chilton County, Jackson-Olin, Thompson, and Thorsby High each have one student among the MHS summer student body.

Goodies Give Profits

Student Council members conducted a soft drink and snack sale each day during the summer school break.

According to SC treasurer Lynne Davis the group expects to clear $150.

Montevallo Honors, Celebrates with Nation

When the entire country dressed in red, white, and blue during the weekend of the "Fourth" to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday, Montevallo stepped front and center.

Numerous activities were planned by the Bicentennial Commission and much patriotism and community spirit were shown throughout the town.

Many MHSers and faculty members, along with other local citizens, took part in the commemoration of our nation's birth.

Certainly, we can be proud of our town's observance of both the bicentennial July 4 and yesterday's display of pride in Montevallo's 150th birthday.

In addition, we salute those students and teachers who represented Montevallo High School so well throughout the entire celebration.

A special commendation goes to MHS history teacher Danny Cooper for the fine job he did as chairman of Montevallo's Bicentennial Commission.

As Summer School Ends--

Principal Praises Everyone

To the SPOTLIGHT:

I commend the summer school student body for the very fine and cooperative attitude displayed this summer. Also our regular faculty and the University of Montevallo student teachers deserve a special commendation for their excellent work.

Our summer program affords not only our students but students from Calera, Columbiana, Alabaster, Vincent, Jemison, Centreville, and other surrounding communities educational opportunities to make up work, earn credits toward early graduation, or simply help pass the time.

We are glad that all 182 of you are taking advantage of the opportunity to grow academically and socially.

We wish for all of you a happy vacation this summer and a good, prosperous year at your schools for the 1976-77 term.

Sincerely,
W. Cratie Corbett
Principal

Rivalry Put Aside In Summer School

Even though Wildcats, Yellowjackets, Eagles, and others were mixed in classes with MHS's Bulldogs, there has been no friction between them this summer--only the friendliest relationships.

Students from all 12 schools represented have let their long-time rivalries lie idle as they became classmates.

Every pupil deserves praise for doing his part in making summer school a pleasant learning experience for all.

S P O T L I G H T

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This summer edition was published by some of the students enrolled in three journalism classes for this fall.

They met in workshop with sponsors Cathy Bearden and Susie DeMent.

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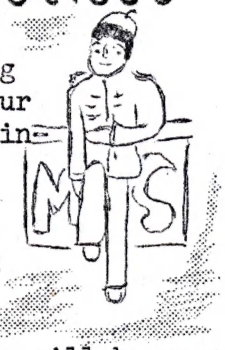
Halftime Show Gets New Look--

Band to Increase Practices



MHS's Marching Troubadours are stepping high every Tuesday and Thursday for an hour and a half during July. These practices include both playing in the bandroom and marching outdoors.

After a week's break at the end of the month, the Troubadours will return Aug. 2 and march for three hours each afternoon on weekdays.

Band director James Weese says, "There will be some changes in style and the band will do more drum and bugle type drills during the 1976 football shows."

The 90 - member group will enter the field from the sidelines marching to the tunes, Folk Song Suite and Valdres.

The drum section will wear orange cummerbunds, white shirts, flared navy blue pants, and a hat like that of the drum major rather than sport the traditional uniform worn by the other sections.

The Troubadours' first contest this year will be the Mid - South Marching Band Festival in Gadsden, Sept. 25.

Flag Corps Clinic Blocks Oak Street

Nine members of the MHS flag corps actually stopped traffic June 7-11 as they practiced. Mr. Doug Knowles of Warrior High in Warrior had the girls march down Oak Street as part of their practice when he directed a clinic for the group at MHS.

The squad will have new blue gaucho uniforms with orange neckties this year. Heading the group will be Sylvia Jones, who will wear an orange outfit and carry a sword instead of a flag.

Other members of the corps are Alison Cole (co-head), Katrina Gilbert, Angela Grayson, Tina McClain, Pearl Rutledge, Mary Sherrer, Emily Steele, and Teresa Tyus.

Next month the girls will join the band for marching practice daily from 3 - 6 p.m. The group now marches on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Typists Honor America's 'Day'

In honor of the nation's bicentennial celebration, business teacher Susie DeMent's summer typists produced patriotic work June 28-July 2 and prepared a bulletin board for the front hall.

Among pieces used for the red, white, and blue display, under the heading, "Happy Birthday, America," were the Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution, Inscription on the Statue of Liberty and other patriotic selections.

Everyone in the class contributed something.

Using "Independence Day," "Celebration," and other significant words and phrases, class members competed in game-type fashion by typing as many three- and four-letter words as they could from letters in the terms in two minutes.

Miss DeMent says, "It gave the students a chance to participate in the bicentennial celebration."

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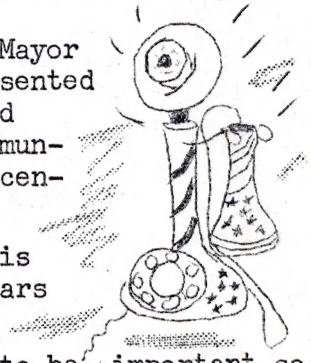
As Gift from Bicentennial Commission

Mr. Cooper Gets New Phone



At the town's July 4 celebration Mayor Ralph Sears and the City Council presented teacher Danny Cooper an old fashioned telephone for his service to the community as chairman of the Montevallo Bicentennial Commission.

The candle-stick style telephone is painted red, white, and blue with stars and stripes.

"I wanted the first phone calls to be important so my first call was to Mayor Sears and then the members of the City Council thanking them for the gift. After that I called the State Bicentennial Commission," Mr. Cooper beams happily.

Summer Brings no Halt to Activity at MHS

SUMMERTIME AND THE SMILING IS EASY!

Pictures portray typical summer scenes. For identification by number, see page 6.

Camera Captures Summer Scene

(Identification of pictures on p. 5)

(1) A PATRIOTIC MOMENT--Student Council officers salute the flag at liberty tree planting.

(2) ATTENTION!--Business teacher Susie DeMent leads pledge of allegiance to the flag.

(3) SHARING IDEAS--SPOTLIGHT advisor Cathy Bearden (second from left) talks over journalism problems with Vincent High students (1 to r) STING editor Caroline Howard, Rhonda Davis, advisor Jo Ann Warren, Winifred Middleton, and Paige Brasher. (Barbara Atkinson not pictured.)

(4) RELAXING--Seniors Vicki Rowe and Linda Payne relax during the mid-morning break.

(5) BEST WISHES-- MHS salutes Montevallo on her 150th anniversary.

(6) LET'S GET IT RIGHT! -- Teachers David Nichols and Danny Cooper and Principal W. C. Corbett adjust the liberty tree.

(7) 25¢, PLEASE----Student Council treasurer Lynne Davis sells cool refreshment to Belinda Morris, James Blaylock, Van White, and Jan Corbett.

(8) TAKING A BREAK---Jo Ann Compton enjoys a free moment.

(9) CONGRATULATIONS--- Summer graduates (1 to r) Dorothy Gilmore, Linda Payne, Cindy Eddings, Janet Conwell, and Johnny Farrington receive their diplomas from Principal W. C. Corbett.

(10) PLENTY OF INSTRUCTORS--Summer student teachers are (front, 1 to r) James Cochran, Fred Johnson, Sonya Grant.

(2nd row) Ron Edwards, Judy Conaway, Bill Dunshee. (3rd row) Mike Purnell, Reuben Compere, and top, Principal W. C. Corbett. (Bruce Ogilvie, also a student teacher, is not pictured.)

Oo-ooh, Slippance--

Coach Takes Tumble

"Now for my next act," joked Coach Richard Gilliam as he picked himself up from the floor after falling from his stool and landing flat on his back.

The "extra" entertainment for the biology class occurred on the second day of summer school.

"It was funny," says Mr. Gilliam. "Everyone was working quietly until I slipped and fell."

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Commission Prepares Capsules

Amid the fireworks and festivities of July 4, Montevallo citizens filled three red, white, and blue time capsules in commemoration of the nation's bicentennial.

According to Mr. Danny Cooper Montevallo's Bicentennial chairman, plans were to bury the capsules yesterday at City Hall. July 14 was selected as the burial date for it marks the 150th anniversary of the town's name being changed from Wilsonville to Montevallo.

The capsules were to be buried in several hundred pounds of concrete with a plaque stating they were filled July 4, 1976, and are to be opened 100 years later in 2076.

Enclosed in the time capsules for the future citizens of Montevallo to find are a history of Montevallo, three copies of SPOTLIGHT, issues of county newspapers, letters from present residents to their descendents, and a savings account passbook of $25.

The capsules were made by John Miller (MHS, '74) and Scott Kramer, a sophomore at MHS last year.

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Class Takes Tour

Under direction of Mr. Richard Gilliam and student teacher Judy Conaway, the biology class went on a field trip last Thursday.

According to Mrs. Conaway the trip included a look at Shoal Creek searching for small organisms and a tour of the Montevallo water purification and sewage plants.

CB's Are Everywhere--

Students Call, 'Breaker, Breaker'

by Barry Harper
(Captain Hook)

"Breaker 1-9, breaker 1-9" is just one of the expressions heard daily on the Citizen's Band radio in Shelby County and across the nation. It means that the speaker would like to talk on Channel 19 and wants the people talking to "break" their conversation.

The CB radio is a short distance two-way transceiver which may be utilized for business or personal communications. During the past year it has become more and more popular with the American public. In a survey, SPOTLIGHT discovered that over 55 of the 182 summer school students own or have access to a CB radio. Thirty-three of these students have mobiles (located in a vehicle), plus 16 have both mobiles and bases (a station in a home).

License Necessary

Before one can use a CB, he must have a Federal Communications Commission license which includes a number such as KSX-9491 or KSR-6731 which he is to use while talking over the air waves. However, almost everyone has a "handle" which he uses in addition to call letters. These are much like nicknames--"Fish," "Blue Rabbit," "Sundance," "Drummer Boy," and "Pistol Pete" are some of the handles of MHS summer pupils.

Speak in Code

Just like the police CBers have what is called "10-codes." For example, 10-4 means OK and 10-20 is "What's your location?"

CBers use their radios to give Smokey (another name for law officials) reports, recruit aid for stranded motorists, and numerous other activities.

There are so many terms in the CB jargon, dictionaries are being published to help the new CBer.

"Beavers" are females, "18-Wheelers" are tractor trailer rigs, and "Put the hammer down" means speed up.

To let listeners know the conversation is over and they may now use the radio, CBers say, "Freeze on ya, catch you later, we're clear."

Summer Workers 'Clean up' MHS

Both the outside and inside of MHS are being "spruced up" this summer.

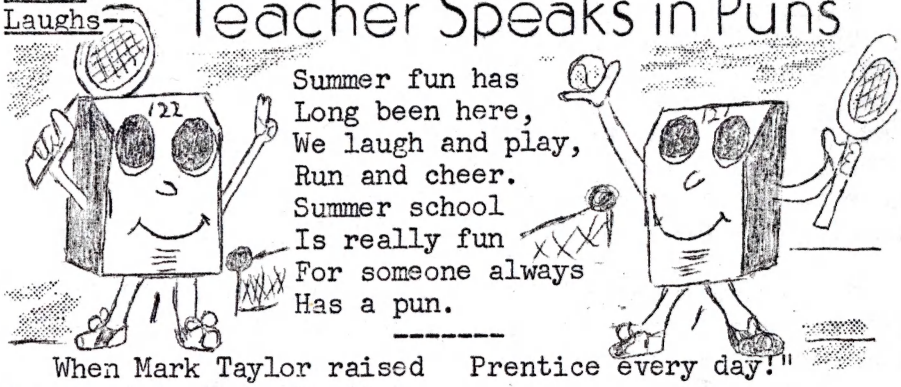
The federal government's Comprehensive Employment Training Act provides six workers for MHS.

Senior Thomas Brown, Willie Moore ('75), and freshman Wayne VanDevender are cleaning the grounds while freshmen Anita Bell, Allison Chappell and Teresa Chism help maid Lula Belle Moore in the building.

In addition, the school paid Mr. Tillman Davis to clear the area beside the bandroom and PE field, where grass will be planted says Principal W.C. Corbett.

Locker Laughs--

Teacher Speaks in Puns



When Mark Taylor raised his hand in junior English, teacher Barbara Belisle asked, "Question, Mark?"

In sophomore English, student teacher Bill Dunshee divided students into groups and asked them to pick a courageous person.

When Mr. Dunshee asked one group for its selection, the leader replied, "You."

"Me?" he questioned.

"Yes," came the answer; "You'd have to be brave to just put up with Wanda Faye Prentice every day!"

Student teacher Sonya Grant's junior English class recited the poem, "I Hear America Singing," by Walt Whitman.

When Charlie Thomas got to the line "the delicious singing of the mother," he spouted, "My delicious mother.

Laughter erupted when student teacher Sonya Grant stood up--a spiral notebook was hanging on her back.

Steppers Study

MHS majorettes attended a clinic in Sunnyside, Fla., June 14-18, for instructions in twirling and routines.

"It was fun but a lot of hard work," says sophomore majorette Karen Morris. Other members of the line are Vanessa Cottingham, Linda Sims (head) and Anitka Stewart.

Mrs. Betty Sims accompanied the group.

Traditions to Uphold--

Cheerleaders Prepare For UT Clinic Competition

Varsity cheerleaders are now relaxing after two months of preparation for competition at the University of Tennessee. They will resume training July 25 and work until the time to leave for the Knoxville Workshop Aug. 16-20.

This will be the third year for the MHS squad to attend the clinic. In the last two years the cheerleaders have brought home ten superior blue ribbons and two spirit sticks. "We hope to continue this tradition of winning the highest honors," says head Paula Guthrie.

Earned Money

The group has also raised money this summer by selling candy and iron-on patches, holding a rummage sale, and managing a concession stand at community softball games.

New Equipment

Profits from the projects will pay for the Knoxville trip and buy new orange and blue pom poms, royal blue sweater-vests, and orange pep rally jump suits for the squad.

Girls making up the cheerleading team are Sonja Bell, Phyllis Conwell, Leslie Davis, Pam Guthrie, Paula Guthrie, Nan Jones, and Bernita Thompson.

Football, Aug. 29--

Bulldogs Open with Marion

Montevallo Bulldogs open the football season on the road, playing Marion Aug. 29. After only two days in school, the 'Dogs travel to Marion to meet this team for the first time in 19 years.

"We don't know too much about Marion," Coach Gilliam says, "but we do know they have all their linemen back. They lost their backfield, but they had an undefeated B team from which they'll get replacements. We also heard they're noted for their speed."

10 Have Experience

The Bulldogs will have men at approximately 10 positions with more overall game and tournament experience than Marion will have according to Coach. "We also have new speed in some of our 'beginners'," he adds.

Marion Joins

Montevallo added Marion to the schedule this year because of an Alabama High School Athletic Association ruling.

The rule states that any team wanting a chance at the state playoffs must play all other participants in its area and class, Coach Gilliam explains.

Marion had not been competing in football.

Both Marion and Montevallo are in Region 4.

Volleyball Practice Set for August

MHS volleyball team, organized before school was out in May, has been working individually on volleyball skills this summer in preparation for the upcoming season. Plans are to start team practice in August according to Coach Dot Bishop. "We have a lot of new people," she says, "but it looks like we should have another good season."

Lynn Alexander, Michelle Brown, Susanette Campbell, Linda Chism, Phyllis Conwell, Martha Fomby, Joy Guy, Cathy Jones, Nan Jones, Sylvia Jones, Bernita Thompson, and Vanessa White make up the squad. The group has been selling candy this summer to earn funds to help finance team expenses this fall.

10 Starters Back--

'Season's Outlook Bright'

Coach Richard Gilliam says the upcoming season for his Montevallo Bulldogs looks "very rosy and the success directly proportional."

Among the 26 to 28 players expected out for the team are 10 returning starters. Newcomers Randy Beers, Barry L. Harper, Barry Kornegay (a former player), Darrell Lawley, Mark Spence, and Craig VanValkenburg, plus several experienced junior high players should add depth according to Coach. Spence is new to MHS, coming here from Shelby County, Ky.

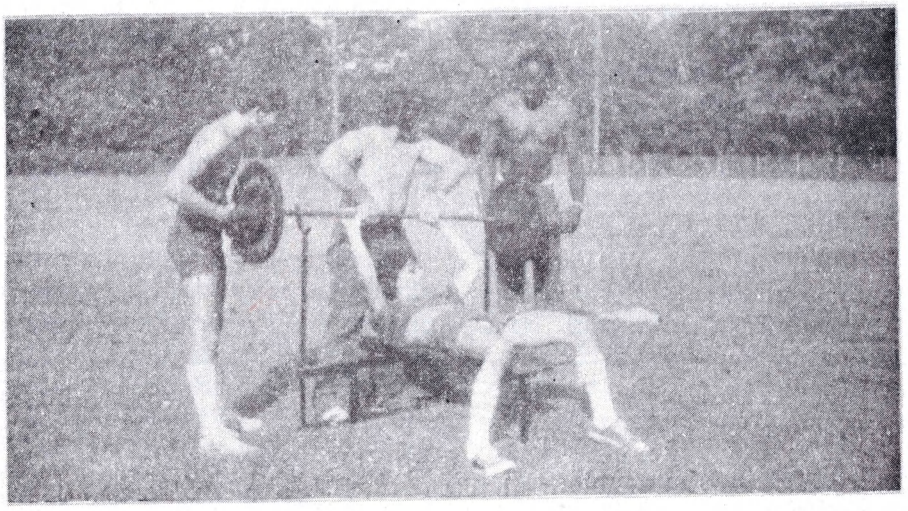
Former Bulldog Bobby Sherrer ('75) will assist Coach Gilliam this fall.

To keep in shape during the summer, the Bulldogs have been on a conditioning program prescribed by their coach. Players reported to the gym on Mondays and Thursdays for a weightlifting session.

MHS Stars Shine

MHS will have three representatives at the All Star football game at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa July 30.

Coach Richard Gilliam heads the South coaching staff, Bryant Cottingham will be playing at split end for him, and Kelvin Lilly will be team manager.



WHOA, THERE! NOT SO FAST!

Bulldog Jeff Lucas pleads with teammates (l-r) Randy Beers, Barry L. Harper, and Walter Jones as they pull up the 165 lb. bar at a summer weightlifting session.

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Bulldogs Schedule

New Gridiron Talents

Newcomers to the Bulldog schedule this fall are 2A schools Francis Marion and Chelsea. These replace 3A opponents Clanton and Dallas County.

Here is the 1976 football schedule for MHS:

Aug.	27	Francis Marion	T
Sept.	3	Chelsea	T
	10	Shelby County	H
	17	Thompson	H
	24	Open	
Oct.	1	Jemison	T
	8	Vincent	H
	15	Winterboro	H
	22	Calera	T
	29	West Blocton	H
Nov.	5	Talladega Co. Trng. School	T

All home games begin at 7:30. Admission prices are $1.50 and $2.50.

In State Softball Meet--

Cathy, Blue Ladies Eye Title

By former SPOTLIGHT editor John Tishler

Another state championship for Montevallo before the end of the summer? That could happen for MHSer Cathy Jones who is a member of the Blue Ladies softball team which takes a shot at the title next week.

The squad travels to Florence July 30 for a 3-day double elimination state softball tournament.

"We've beaten last year's 2nd place team in the state and only lost 6-3 to 1975's champs, so we feel we have a pretty good chance at state," summed up Nellie Nannini, former MHSer and pitcher for the Blue Ladies.

Mr. J. D. Jones, leftfielder Cathy's father, is coach for the team which is composed of women from the Montevallo area.

MHS Is the Example--

Mr. Corbett Teaches UM Class

Education 512? A new course at MHS? No, but it is a class Principal W.C. Corbett knows a great deal about for he has been teaching it for seven summers at the University of Montevallo.

"The course is actually entitled 'School Business Administration,' and Education 512 is simply a code name for it," Mr. Corbett explains.

Eleven students were enrolled in the course which Mr. Corbett taught during the first semester of UM's summer school which ended last Friday. Early in the course Mr. Corbett took the students on a tour of MHS, and they requested that they move their meeting place from the UM campus to MHS.

Mr. Corbett says he was constantly telling them of the things at MHS. "I used my own experiences for examples," he states.

He adds that the eleven were constantly asking questions about MHS and how he handles problems, "particularly about discipline," he points out.

Mr. Corbett notes that all of the students who were from Florida, North Alabama, Birmingham, and St. Claire County seemed to be extremely interested in the class.

Writers Hold Workshop

Twenty-nine journalism students attended a newspaper workshop June 28-30. Five members of the STING staff and their advisor from Vincent High School also participated in the clinic at MHS.

SPOTLIGHT advisors Cathy Bearden and Susie DeMent and former editor John Tishler taught at the 3-day clinic.

Instructors Know School

Two of MHS's summer student teachers were already familiar with the school when they arrived June 8.

Mrs. Sonya Grant, who aided Mrs. Barbara Belisle in junior English, is sister of drum major senior Alan Jones.

Even though she knew a good deal about MHS and its students through Alan, Mrs. Grant said it really didn't help much because most of her class was from Calera High School.

Mr. Bill Dunshee, who taught sophomore English with Mrs. Cathy Bearden, knew of MHS's happenings from his part-time job.

During the last school year, Mr. Dunshee printed SPOTLIGHT pictures and he notes, "I never dreamed I'd be teaching at MHS and I never thought I'd actually meet the people I printed about."

South American Attends Clinic

When journalism students met for the summer workshop they had a visitor from Cali, Columbia. Junior Vivian Hernandez's cousin Agustin Javier Fleitus (Gus) who will be in the 5th grade at his school next year in South America joined the group during his visit to the United States.

Gus's parents are from Cuba as is the Hernandez family. However, Gus, who is 10, was born in Connecticut, Edwardo (8), in New Jersey, and youngest brother Luis (3) in Venezuela. The family has lived in a variety of places, but Vivian says they come to visit their Montevallo relatives almost every year.

Gus, who speaks English fluently for he attends an American school, says that right now his favorite subject is math. However, he adds that when he gets older he would like to write for his school newspaper.

"I had fun at Montevallo High School. Maybe I can come to another workshop next year," Gus says.

Author Shares Works at MHS

Mr. Bill Cobb, novelist and English instructor at U of M, read a selection of his short stories to the 11th grade English class June 16. The juniors were studying short stories and writing under the supervision of teacher Barbara Belisle and student teacher Sonya Grant.

After the readings, Mr. Cobb held a question and answer period for students.

"Mr. Cobb's visit was well liked," Mrs. Belisle says.

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SIGNING UP!
Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony advises newcomers on opening day at MHS.

WELCOME TO MHS
Principal W. C. Corbett greets students in assembly as council president Billy Belisle looks on.

At Registration Aug. 26--

450 Enroll for Fall Term

For the first time MHSers were greeted by an air conditioned auditorium as they arrived for this year's registration assembly last Thursday.

Student council president Billy Belisle and Principal W. C. Corbett welcomed approximately four hundred fifty students before the group dispersed to their various homerooms on opening day Aug. 26.

For the second year the freshman class leads in size. This year's ninth grade has 152 pupils. Sophomores number 95 and juniors 88. The senior class is the smallest with 85 members. Special education classes have 30 students enrolled.

Four air conditioners used in MHS classrooms before new air conditioning systems were installed during renovation were moved to the auditorium by Mr. Ivey Sims.

Ag, Special Ed Replacements--

Staff Gains New Instructors

Two new faculty members joined the MHS staff this year. They are teachers Kurt Pnazek and Tim Wiggins.

Mr. Pnazek is originally from Chicago where he played basketball, football, and baseball in high school. He replaces special ed teacher Deelene Baker who now teaches at Shelby Academy.

Mr. Pnazek will also serve as head basketball coach and track coach and will assist with football this year. He holds a BA degree from Birmingham Southern where he played basketball and is currently working on his master's degree at UAB. He lives in Homewood.

New agribusiness instructor Tim Wiggins fills the position left by Mr. Gary Moncus who is now at Woodland High in Randolph County.

Mr. Wiggins who lives in the Montevallo area,

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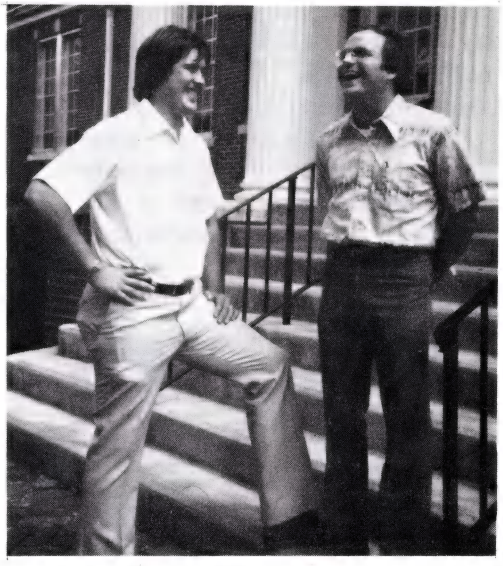

GLAD TO BE HERE
New MHS teachers Kurt Pnazek (left) and Tim Wiggins share a laugh before work begins.

During Summer Vacation--

MHSers Attend Workshops

While most students were out swimming, playing tennis, and enjoying vacation, many others were busy getting MHS in shape for school this year.

Among MHSers who gave up part of their vacation to attend workshops this summer were SPOTLIGHTers, student council officers, and MONTALA staffers.

SPOTLIGHT advisers Cathy Bearden and Susie DeMent and former editor John Tishler led a 3-day journalism clinic in June. Twenty-nine SPOTLIGHTers and five journalism students from Vincent High attended the sessions. STING (Vincent's school newspaper) adviser Jo Ann Warren accompanied the group to MHS.

In addition, student council president Billy Belisle and treasurer Lynne Davis went to a SC workshop this summer at the University of Montevallo.

Billy explains that they exchanged ideas with other school officers and made plans for the school year.

MONTALA staff members John Klemenc and Rick Williams also attended a workshop at UM. "We were mostly concerned with learning how to put the yearbook together," Rick says.

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Monday Is Holiday

After only seven days of classes MHSers will have a holiday as school closes for Labor Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8 a.m.

School Holds Tree Planting

During summer school MHS's Liberty Tree was planted on the front lawn by Principal W.C. Corbett and teachers Barbara Belisle and David Nichols.

Mrs. Belisle is a member of the local Bicentennial Commission and Mr. Nichols is MHS's Bicentennial chairman.

All students, faculty, and staff gathered in front of the main building June 28 for the planting ceremony of the southern magnolia as part of MHS's observance of the nation's 200th birthday.

Mr. Nichols observes that the young tree donated by the Montevallo Bicentennial Commission survived the summer heat and seems to be growing well.

First ACT Set for Oct. 9

College bound seniors can register now for the ACT which is to be given Oct. 9 at the University of Montevallo.

According to guidance counselor Frances Anthony students desiring to take the exam in October should pick up registration packets and instructions immediately from her office as applications must be in Iowa City Sept. 13.

Staff Gains - (Cont'd)

has bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University.

He specializes in shop work and plans to include more of this type activity in MHS's ag program this year.

He also has plans for his classes to construct a greenhouse to be used as a teaching tool and as a fund raising project.

From Montevallo and all Around--

182 Enroll In Summer School

Summer school classes at MHS this year included 182 students from 12 high schools in Shelby County and surrounding counties.

Montevallo High School had the largest number of students with 117 attending classes; Calera was next with 31 students enrolled.

The summer school program was conducted by the University of Montevallo as part of its teacher training program. Principal W. C. Corbett served as school administrator. Nine student teachers joined the eight summer faculty members for five weeks' training.

Also during summer school, student council members sold soft drinks and snacks each day at break. According to treasurer Lynne Davis, the group earned approximately $350.

Success Defeats Inconvenience in '76

Renovation may have been the main event last year at Montevallo High, but the school's outstanding and successful accomplishments played more than a supporting role.

Despite the confusion of "roving" classes and the interruptions caused by hammering, drilling, and sawing, MHS's academics, athletics, and organizations continued their excellent performances.

Math students brought academic honors to the school winning two trophies in regional competition.

Defying all pre-season predictions, the football team went to the state playoffs and the basketball Bulldogs made their fifth consecutive trip to the state tournament.

Working after school and between classes, the SPOTLIGHT and band rated top grades. The paper won state and All-American awards, while the Troubadours received the state's highest honor.

But this year could be even more productive.

If MHSers could overcome renovation and inconveniences to make 1975-76 such a success, they should be able to accomplish even greater goals this year.

Overdue Books Threaten MHS

"It's a sad thing that just a few people can penalize a whole school," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

That's exactly what will happen to MHSers if seven students do not clear with the University of Montevallo library. There are six books missing and over sixty dollars worth of fines from last year that these students must pay for or all students and teachers at MHS will lose library privileges at UM. The University library is an outstanding facility that MHS juniors and seniors have found most helpful in the past.

Even though Mr. Corbett has announced that those students who do not take care of these responsibilities will not be issued textbooks this year, somehow this does not relieve the situation that will end MHS's use of the library.

Hopefully, these students involved will clear with the UM library so that MHS will once again be in good standing with the University of Montevallo.

Staff Seeks Buyers

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On Winning Team--

Coach, Player Make All State

Montevallo's head football coach Richard Gilliam and former Bulldog split-end Bryant Cottingham were members of the victorious South team in the 29th annual all-star football game at Tuscaloosa July 30.

Coach Gilliam was head coach for the South during the week-long clinic and game. Earlier in the year he served as an all-star coach for the A-2A basketball game, also in Tuscaloosa.

Mr. Gilliam is the only coach to fill both positions in the same year.

Cottingham, attending Knoxville College this fall on a football scholarship, pulled in one reception for 16 yards in the South's 14-6 upset win over the North.

Brown Gains 168 Yds.--

Bulldogs Blank Marion 36-0

After tasting football playoff action last year, the Montevallo Bulldogs got an appetite for "state meat." They pulled their chairs closer to the table last Saturday night and began digging in, devouring their first area opponent, Francis Marion at Marion 36-0.

Coach Richard Gilliam had special praise for the defensive unit which "took care of the only real test of the game in fine style" by holding the Rams who had recovered a fumble on MHS's five-yard line.

Outstanding defenders were Dennis Brown, Thomas Brown, Shane Connell, Sidney Fields, Barry Kornegay, Jeff Lucas, Terry McCarey, Maurice Reed, Freddie Thompson, Tim Ross, and Craig Van Valkenburg.

Brown Scores 3

Scoring in every period the Bulldogs put the first 6 points up with 9:13 left in the first quarter. Senior Thomas Brown, who had over 1000 yards last year, went in from 18 yards out.

With 168 yards for the night, Brown scored two more TD's in the opener.

Connell Shines

Shane Connell, with a total of 86 yards in 12 attempts, scored once on a 20-yd. run; and David Lash covered a deflected punt in the end zone for another.

Kevin Hughes, at quarterback, passed 7 yards to Billy Belisle for the final score.

Statistics

	M H S	Marion
1stDowns	21	3
YdsRushing	357	45
Passing	10-5-1	13-1-1
Yds.Passing	89	2

Volleyball Dates Set

Twelve games await the volleyball squad before the season ends with the county tournament in October.

Sept.	9	Vincent	H
	14	Thompson	T
	16	Calera	T
	21	Columbiana	H
	23	Pelham	T
	30	Chelsea	H
Oct.	5	Vincent	T
	7	Thompson	H
	12	Calera	H
	14	Columbiana	T
	19	Pelham	H
	26	Chelsea	T
	30	Tournament	

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Shelby Comes Next Week--

'Chelsea Real Test,' Coach Says

County rivals await the Bulldogs two Friday nights in a row. Tonight Chelsea hosts the Bulldogs in area competition for the first time in five years, and next Friday the 'Dogs face Shelby County High which boasts a 14-year jinx over Montevallo.

MHS fans remember that the Bulldogs were the Hornet's first county victim (20-8) in 1970, after Chelsea, now 2A, had fielded a team for only five years.

"The Hornets will be a stern test," predicts Coach Richard Gilliam. "They're not as big as Francis Marion but they'll be more prepared."

Shelby County, who comes to MHS Sept. 10, trounced Pelham last week 31-6. Graduation took most of the Wildcats' offensive backfield, but the line is still in tact according to Coach. "This game will be our biggest test before county-rival Thompson," Coach says. "The Wildcats are probably the largest, fastest, and most experienced teams we play," he concludes.

At Bulldog Stadium--

Boosters Build Stand

Sacrificed Saturdays of hard work by boosters of athletic programs in Montevallo has brought about the near completion of a new concession stand at the south end of the football stadium.

Both men and women are donating materials and labor in their attempt to have the building ready for MHS's first home football game this year--next Friday night with Shelby County.

The stand will be equipped with an ice maker, Pepsi dispenser, sinks, refrigerator, stove, and restroom facilities. Boosters of MHS athletics and the Pee Wee and Welterweight Boosters are jointly sponsoring the project.

Coordinators

Mr. Bobby Hughes and Mr. Bill Glosson have coordinated the work. Mr. Jesse Jones poured the concrete and laid the cornerstones.

Many Assist

Others (not pictured) working on the project are W. C. Corbett, Troy Kirkland, George Kornegay, Henry Lash, Clyde Latham, Rusty Morris, Leldon Rochester, Roy Ross, Anthony Thompson, Gary Thompson, Anthony Wolfe.

Women boosters who served lunch to the workmen Aug. 21 are Cindy Holsombeck, Dot Holsombeck, Tommie Lawley, Gladys Lawley Mary Ross, Elaine Hughes..

WORKMEN TAKE A BREAK
Pictured left to right is last Saturday's working crew at the concession stand: Bill Glosson, Bobby Hughes, Larry Tyre, Jim Holsombeck, Cliff Lawley, Frank Melsoni, Herbie Milstead, Jimmy Jones, Bill Holsombeck.

Taking Superstar Billing--

Cheerleaders Rate Top Honors

Four superior ribbons, a superstar ribbon, the spirit stick, and a certificate of excellence were awards displayed by the cheerleaders when they returned from University of Tenneessee's cheerleading workshop on Aug. 20. The group also rated in the top five of all squads attending the clinic.

Head cheerleader Paula Guthrie notes, "Competition was close this year. I feel we did the best we could and I'm proud of our winnings."

The squad, under direction of Mrs. Jane Jones, was able to pay its own expenses to attend the clinic and buy new uniforms, pompoms, and other needed items with money raised from selling candy and iron-on patches and holding rummage sales. According to Paula they made over $800 on the projects.

The squad includes Sonja Bell, Phyllis Conwell, Leslie Davis, Pam and Paula Guthrie, Nan Jones, and Bernita Thompson.

Volleyball Season Opens Thursday

MHS's volleyball team began training for the season Aug. 23 for the first game next Thursday with Vincent. The girls are now practicing every afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 under direction of Coach Dot Bishop.

Returning players are Suzette Campbell, Phyllis Conwell, Joy Guy, Cathy Jones, and Nan Jones, New members of the team are Lynn Alexander, Michelle Brown, Linda Chism, Martha Jean Fomby, Sylvia Jones, Bernita Thompson, and Vanessa White. (Schedule p. 4)

Everybody Strives to Improve--

Band Entertains Football Fans

"MHS proudly presents for your listening pleasure the largest marching band it has ever fielded," announced director Jim Weese as the Troubadours marched on Marion's football field last Saturday night. The 91-member band, which began practice in July, will give weekly performances at football games, and on Sept. 25 they will participate at the Mid-State Marching Band Festival in Gadsden.

Several sections of the band took part in workshops during the summer.

Drum major Alan Jones attended two clinics--one in Montevallo headed by Mr. Darryl Ussery, the other at Jacksonville State University directed by Mr. W. C. Gore. "Instruction in style and directing were included in both sessions," Alan says.

Majorettes Study

For instruction in routines and twirling the majorettes attended a workshop in Florida in June.

Members of this group are Linda Sims (head), Vanessa Cottingham, Karen Morris and Anitka Stewart.

Jones Leads Corps

Mr. Doug Knowles of Warrior High School conducted a clinic during June for the nine-member flag corps headed by Sylvia Jones.

Troubadour drummers had their own workshop at MHS this summer with Mr. Ron Smith, Jacksonville State University, directing. Mr. Smith wrote several cadences for the group.

Ag Teacher Moves Shop

Part-time agribusiness teacher Charles Kidd has a new workshop in the basement of the main building.

He converted the room which was originally a girls' dressing room into the shop. He also moved his classroom from the portable unit located behind the ag building last year to a basement room near the workshop.

The portable classroom was moved to Thompson High campus where Mr. Kidd teaches half the day.

Student Helpers 'Polish' School

Eleven workers were provided for MHS by the federal government's Comprehensive Employment Training Act during the summer months.

Senior Thomas Brown, junior Terry McCarey sophomore Glen Peoples, freshmen Benjamin Peoples and Wayne VanDevender, and Willie Moore ('75)were in charge of the grounds. According to Principal W.C. Corbett this crew cut the grass, trimmed shrubbery, and cleaned MHS's stadium.

Under the direction of maid Lula Belle Moore, senior Sandra Lee, junior Dorothy Horn, and freshmen Anita Bell, Allison Chappell and Teresa Chism cleaned MHS's newly renovated facilities.

"The workers did a fine job," praises Mr. Corbett. "MHS was in excellent condition when school opened this year," he adds.

Mr. Benton Gets Master's

Teacher Don Benton received his Master of Education degree from the University of Montevallo this summer.

Four other faculty members also attended college during the summer and five others participated in special workshops in their subject areas during vacation time.

At University of Georgia--

Summer Problems Excite Greg

"The program was one which I will never forget; I wouldn't trade the experience for anything," says junior Greg Hardin after studying all summer at a National Science Foundation workshop. A math club member at MHS Greg lived on the University of Georgia campus from June 14 to Aug. 6 studying different areas of math.

Dr. Carl Pomerance, instructor of math at Georgia, taught the program on Number Theory; and calculus instructor Dr. Don Wilhelmson taught a course in minimal surface area.

"During Dr. Wilhelmson's program we used calculus and computers to solve the problems," Greg adds.

Sales Start Juniors Dreaming

Bulldog Spirit Swells

School spirit is on the rise at MHS this year and hopefully it will continue to get even better as the football season progresses.

Although rain and game postponement dulled the first pep rally, spirits rose to the top at the Chelsea and Shelby rallies. The team's biggest and perhaps toughest battle will be tonight when Thompson comes to town.

Surely all MHSers will support the Bulldogs at both today's pep rally and tonight's game.

When the team earns the right to go to state competition, everyone will want to be able to say, "I've supported the Bulldogs all the way!"

For Summer Clinic Help--

Vincent Expresses Thanks

After attending a journalism clinic in June at MHS, Vincent High School's newspaper sponsor and five staff members sent the following letter to SPOTLIGHT advisers:

Dear Mrs. Bearden and Miss DeMent:

The co-editors and I wanted to write and tell you what an enjoyable and informative training session we had those three days at Montevallo.

Those three days helped us realize how much more we could do to make our paper more enjoyable and use our paper to benefit our community as well as our school.

Sincere thanks to both of you for your help and patience. Both of you are tremendous assets to the SPOTLIGHT.

Sincerely,
Jo Ann Warren, Sponsor; Winnifred Middleton, Paige Brasher, Barbara Athinson, Rhonda Davis

Library Privileges May Be Continued

Although some students negligence still threaten MHS's privileges at U of M's library, some pupils may still be able to use the facility.

Only three of the students who had fines and/or overdue books have not cleared with the library.

Cards issued students last year will be recalled and according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony the library may issue new ones to some dependable students who have already had orientation.

Juniors Seek Aid

Support the junior class's magazine sale.

The success of this year's junior-senior prom depends on profits earned during the campaign.

Contact any junior and order magazines, books, records, or tapes now.

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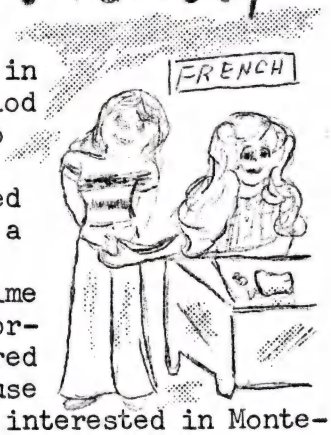
Teacher Donates Service--

French Class Offers Variety



Parlez vous Francais? Everyone in Mrs. Hilda VanLandingham's 5th period French II class can answer "yes" to that phrase which means, "Do you speak French?" The course was added to the MHS schedule this year when a teacher was found for the class.

"Mrs. VanLandingham is a part-time teacher at MHS," Principal W. C. Corbett explains. "She just volunteered her services, free of charge, because she's such a dedicated teacher and interested in Montevallo High," he adds.

Added Attractions in Class

A variety of learning activities have been included in the course lately. The seven students in class have enjoyed French music as well as French grammar, and Mrs. VanLandingham rewards students with "bon-bons" (candy) for special achievements in learning games.

So far only senior John Klemenc and sophomore Marsha Zahumensky have won any of the "extras."

Studied in Paris

Mrs. VanLangingham, a Montevallo resident, was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and studied for two years in Paris. She speaks both German and French fluently.

She has a BA degree from California State College in San Bernandino and is presently working on an MAT at the University of Montevallo.

Mrs. VanLandingham is the mother of sophomore Monique and 1975 graduate Michelle.

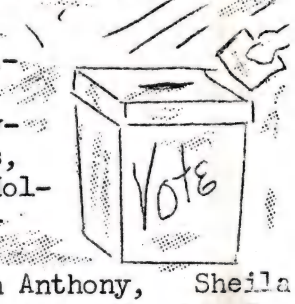
Spirit Ribbons Back Bulldogs

MHSers can support the Bulldogs by sporting orange and blue ribbons every Friday. Anita Dailey and Connie Goggins are responsible for the sales.

"Everyone but us at the Vocational Center wore something each Friday last year to show their school spirit. So, this year we ordered the ribbons.

The ribbons, sold on Friday at school and the ballgame for 25¢, have a different slogan for each game. Profits go to the MHS athletic department.

Classes Choose Representatives



Homeroom groups elected representatives to student council last week.

Freshmen selected Linda Clark, Beverly Harris, Robert Horn, Debra Jones, Belinda Morris, Billy Perry, Ronnie Holsombeck, and Eddie Staffney to represent them.

Named by the 10th grade are Glen Anthony, Sheila Chancey, Selena Davis, David Lash, Karen Morris, Cay Perkins, Beth Rochester, Mark Singh, and Gerald Walker.

Seniors voted Steve Gregg, Cindy Holsombeck, Alan Jones, Amy Knowles, Cheryl Staffney, Linda Sims, Craig Van Valkenburg to council posts.

Representatives named to the council from the special education classes are Michelle Brown, Annette Green, and Jimmy Talley.

Heading the council are officers chosen last year: Billy Belisle, president; Mike Beers, vice president; Greg Hardin, secretary; Pam Pendleton, parliamentarian; and John Klemenc, chaplain.

Teachers Don Benton and David Nichols are advisers for the council.

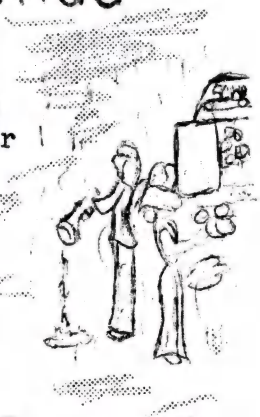
5 MHSers Attend Boys State

Seniors Thomas Brown, John Klemenc, Hal Ray, Craig Van Valkenburg, and Ricky Williams represented MHS at Boys State at Troy State University this summer.

At the week-long session they visited the state capitol in Montgomery, learned about laws on the city, county, and state levels, and participated in a mock democracy. In elections John was chosen secretary of a political party while Craig was voted secretary of another party and served as an officer in his city. He was also named best athlete in his city.

The Show Must Go on--

Troubadours March in Mud



One would almost believe the Troubadours had been doing rain marches due to the number of times they've slugged their way through the mud and carried wet instruments this year.

Numerous practices have been washed out either by rain immediately before practice began or by drops beginning to fall just as the band stepped out into its formations.

Even the first football game was postponed due to rain, and cloudy skies followed the group to Marion where they marched on a wet field the following night.

At the second game things were even worse; the Troubadours found themselves bus-bound as they sat on the bus the whole first half as Montevallo played Chelsea to avoid being drenched before time for their show.

Although weather conditions improved before the performance, plenty of water and mud accompanied their entrance as they sloshed onto the field.

However, last Friday night found the Troubadours dry and comfortable as the unseasonable rains ended earlier in the week.

'Montala' Dedicated To Former Teacher

Sporting bicentennial red, white, and blue covers, the 1975-76 MONTALAS arrived last Wednesday.

Students received the yearbooks and held an autograph session during the 6th period the following day.

The National Honor Society, which produces MONTALA, dedicated the edition to former agribusiness teacher Melton Thornton, who retired last December.

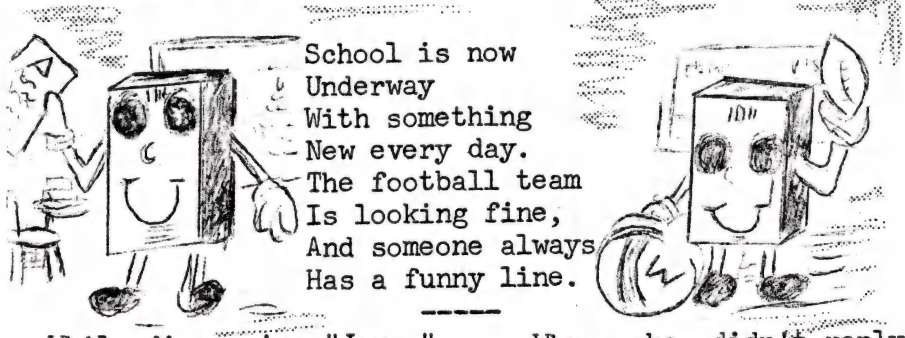
New Flu Interests History Class

With all the discussion about swine flu, teacher Danny Cooper's U. S. history students found Senior Scholastic's article on the disease interesting.

Those who wanted to know more about past epidemics were assigned reports by Mr. Cooper. Some of the diseases discussed were the plague, yellow fever, and swine flu.

---Locker Laughs---

Some Losses Aren't Insurable



School is now
Underway
With something
New every day.
The football team
Is looking fine,
And someone always
Has a funny line.

While discussing "Jaws," teacher Barbara Belisle explained to her 4th period English class that the insurance companies would only insure the actors in the movie a few hours in the water due to dangers involved.

"Any time after those few hours would just be a loss," she explained and added, "probably an arm or a leg."

Teacher Dan Martin told Spanish I students their names in Spanish. When he reached Mary Jane Wyatt, he asked her if she preferred Maria or Maria Anna.

When she didn't reply immediately, Senior Randy Beers quipped, "Marijuana."

Senior Joy Guy was wondering what she should wear to a Friday night football game. "But it might rain," she moaned.

"Then wear an umbrella," suggested fellow classmate Alison Cole.

When junior Mike Beers noticed that his classmate James Lawrence had ink on his nose, he said, "James, your nose is blue."

"I know; I just blew it," answered James.

Ag Students Name Leaders

Students in agribusiness classes elected class officers last week.

Presidents for the three Ag I classes are freshmen Tim Green, Eddie Staffney and senior James Blaylock. Vice presidents for these groups are freshmen Thomas Lucas, Billy Moss and Mike Shinnick, a senior.

Sophomores Dennis Reid and Marty Eddleman are president and vice president respectively for the second year group.

Junior Terry McCarey serves as president and senior Mike Gilbert as the vice president for the Ag III and IV class.

Each class also elected a treasurer, secretary, reporter, and sentinel.

According to agribusiness teachers Charles Kidd and Tim Wiggins these officers will be changed at various times this year.

As Honor Society Picks Staff--

Ricky Williams Heads 'Montala'

Senior Ricky Williams was elected editor of MONTALA and senior John Klemenc, business manager, at the first meeting of the National Honor Society, the group which produces MHS's yearbook.

Serving as assistant editor and activities editor will be senior Lynne Davis. Other section editors are: Seniors--Connie Goggins, Glenda Smitherman; Students--Regina Harbour, Linda Sims; Faculty and Staff-- Amy Knowles, Linda Rochester; Sports--Alan Jones; Organizations--Cindy Holsombeck; Funnies--Anita Spicer, Amy Williams

Ads Sold

During the summer the 14-member club sold approximately $630 worth of ads, according to John Klemenc, treasurer.

Hold Workshop

The group made tentative decisions for this year's annual when Mr. David Turner, Taylor Publishing Company representative held a workshop for the NHS Wednesday.

Mr. Turner discussed covers, paper, type, special effects, cost, and color photography, which the NHS hopes to include in the 1977 MONTALA.

MONTALA sponsor is Mrs. Frances Anthony.

MHS Gets Camera

Waldrup's Studio of Birmingham has furnished the NHS with a camera and film for MONTALA pictures this year.

The camera is a Yashica, twin-lens reflex. Pam Pendleton is photographer for MONTALA.

Drum Corps Internationals--

Band Director Attends Finals

Even when Troubadour director Jim Weese goes on vacation he doesn't get away from music and marching.

This summer he and Mr. John Prince, band director of Calera High School, flew to Philadelphia to attend the preliminaries and finals of the Drum Corps International Championships. "While observing the bands which participated in the event, I learned it's not what you do but how you do it," notes Mr. Weese.

He adds that he also picked up several different ideas at the festival which he plans to add to the band.

While in Philadelphia, the two band directors also visited Independence Hall to see the liberty bell.

Stadium Takes on Bulldog Look

MHS's stadium is definitely a Bulldog stadium.

A brightly painted 4'x6' bulldog adorns the new concession stand and a smaller orange and blue one decorates the scoreboard.

Wood for the scoreboard bulldog was donated by Mr. Ray Ross.

MHS teacher Don Benton; Mrs. Jane Jones, Middle School secretary; and senior Alan Jones are the artists who created the mascots.

MRS. JANE JONES

A Mixed-up Occasion--

Cheerleader Sponsor Has Crisis

MONTEVALLO FANS WILL FIND it hard to believe that a Thompson head cheerleader could ever yell, "Go, Bulldogs!" Yet, that's the position in which Mrs. Jane Jones, MHS cheerleader sponsor, will find herself at the 7:30 kickoff tonight. "It'll be good to visit with my Warrior friends, but my heart will be with the Bulldogs when that whistle blows."

SERVING FOUR YEARS as a Warrior cheerleader (three of which she was head cheerer) Mrs. Jane Brett Jones graduated from Thompson High School in 1958. More experience in this line came for Mrs. Jones when she was cheerleader sponsor for two years at Hokes Bluff High School, two years at O'Hatchee High, and four at Vincent while her husband Jimmy Jones was coach at these schools.

"Mrs. Jones is a very active and hard-going advisor," says cheerleader Pam Guthrie. "She has made us an all-over better squad, capable of facing most any situations that arise," adds head cheerer Paula Guthrie.

Mrs. Jones accompanied the squad to the University of Tennessee Clinic this summer and put the group in a comfortable financial state with fund raising projects according to Paula.

Mother of cheerleader Nan Jones and secretary at Montevallo Middle School, Mrs. Jones says, "I enjoy working with cheerleaders.

"Having a cooperative and spirited group like the Montevallo squad makes the responsibility easy."

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In Battle of the County--

Bulldogs, Warriors Clash at MHS Tonight

TONIGHT MONTEVALLO ENTERTAINS Shelby County's No.1 rated Thompson Warriors. "Thompson will probably be the toughest offensive team the Bulldogs will play all this year," says Coach Richard Gilliam as he prepares his charges to avenge last year's 46-14 loss to "Big Red."

Warrior starting quarterback Lee Kinnebrew suffered an injury before the season started, but backup quarterback Tim Durrett stepped in to lead Big Red to a 21-7 opening night victory over Bibb County and a 20-0 win over Chilton County last Friday.

Over the last five years MHS holds only one win over the Warriors, a 30-28 victory in 1974.

Quarterback Terry McCarey says, "It will be a good, close game; but the Bulldogs will pull it out. We want it bad!"

Next week the Bulldogs have an open date for a bit of rest before becoming Jemison's homecoming opponent on Oct. 1.

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

Shane Connell races around right end for 29 of his 93 yards in MHS's win over Shelby. (Story p. 8)

Guarding an Uncrossed Goal Line--

Bulldogs Put 'Whammy' on Shelby's Wildcats

by Greg Hardin

THE DROUGHT HAS ENDED! For 14 years the Wildcats from Columbiana have dealt defeat to the Bulldogs; but last Friday night the MHSers broke the Shelby jinx as they zapped the 'Cats 18-0 at Montevallo, making a further lunge toward the county title. Their other county victory was over Chelsea two weeks ago.

For a third time in as many starts, the defense was again the crowd pleaser. Each time the 'Cats smelled the goal line, the Bulldogs said, "No." In the first quarter MHS stopped a Shelby threat at the 17; but the real challenge came in the second period when Shelby had first and goal on the Bulldogs' 7-yd. line only to wind up back on the 9.

Defense Named Captains

The tireless efforts of the defense will be rewarded tonight when the entire unit will have the honor of being captains for the Thompson game.

Scoring started early for the Bulldogs as they took the opening kick and drove in. Quarterback Terry McCarey scored from the 12 after Shane Connell and Thomas Brown had covered big chunks of ground.

With the second quarter (Cont'd p. 9)

Pelham Ties Junior Varsity

Pelham's baby Panthers proved a match for the Bullpups as the two teams played to an 8-8 tie in the junior season opener at Montevallo Aug. 31.

Edd Green scored MHS's TD on a 90-yd. fumble pick-up in the third quarter. Alvin Connell got the two extra points on an off-tackle run.

According to Coach Richard Gilliam Victor Kennedy and Dennis Shepherd stood out on defense. Steve Melsoni had a 40-yd. TD pass interception which was called back.

The remaining junior varsity schedule is:

Sept.	21	Chelsea	H
	28	Chelsea	T
Oct.	12	Vincent	T
	19	Calera	H
	27	SCHS (B)	T

Girls Shaping Up

The seal drag and the lame dog aren't new dances but floor exercises for girls' phys ed classes.

Under the direction of Coach Dot Bishop the girls exercised early this year to get in shape for the volleyball season.

The girls are learning volleyball skills now before beginning actual play as Miss Bishop explains that she plans to divide the classes into teams for a tournament at the end of the unit.

'76 Dove Season Opens Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the day for which MHS dove hunters have been waiting.

Sportsmen can legally bring out their shotguns at noon and keep their barrels hot until dusk. A bag limit of 12 has been set for the dove season which opens in Shelby County and North Alabama tomorrow.

Teacher Jim Hermecz is one MHS hunter who will be in the fields tomorrow.

"I only wish I knew where the doves will be without having to pay $5 to join a hunt. Of course, the way I shoot, I really don't need to worry about that anyway," laughs the science teacher.

Volleyball Team Wins Opener

MHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM began the season with a win at home against Vincent Sept. 9. Junior Suzanette Campbell led the scoring in the 15-6, 15-11 match.

"I'm very pleased with the beginning the team has made. Our big game is with Thompson, and we're looking forward to it," Coach Dot Bishop says. (Greg Hardin)

Besides the nine remaining scheduled games, the team will participate in the county tournament at Pelham, Oct. 2, the Thompson invitational tournament against 3A-4A competition, Oct. 9; and the district tournament at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Oct. 30.

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Half Day Coming up

SCHOOL WILL BE dismissed early next Thursday for teachers to report to in-service meetings in Columbiana at 2 p.m. Students will leave class at 11:45 to enjoy the half-holiday.

Other half days on the calendar this year are on Nov. 4, Dec. 4, Jan. 20, Mar. 3, and Apr. 7.

Juniors Collect $1,896.29--

Harper Leads Magazine Sales

JUNIOR BARRY HARPER LED his class's magazine sales with $155.44 as the entire class rolled up a total of $1,896.29 when the sale ended last Friday. Kim Cummings was second highest salesman with $134.77.

For their efforts Barry and Kim each selected a gift from a total of 48 prizes. Seven students who sold 15 or more orders received "Bulldog Country" windbreakers.

The top 16 salesmen also received blacklight posters. Twenty two "wooly animals" were awarded to those who sold subscriptions to TV Guide.

Mrs. Belisle's Class Sells Most

Mrs. Barbara Belisle's homeroom led in the campaign,

(Cont'd p. 2)

PLANNING HIS PITCH

Top junior magazine salesman Barry Harper studies the product to discover finer points to add to his sales line.

WINNERS SHARE SHAKE

National Merit Scholarship semifinalist Ricky Williams (left) congratulates Mary Jane Wyatt for being selected a member of Birmingham Youth Symphony.

Ricky Williams Advances In National Merit Trials

SENIOR RICKY WILLIAMS has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship finals for his high score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test / National Scholarship Qualifying Test. He is one out of about 141 semifinalists from Alabama and one of two in Shelby County.

Ricky placed in the top 98% in the state and top 97% in the nation, giving him a chance at a college scholarship if he scores high on the Scholarship Aptitude Test at Samford Nov. 6.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, Ricky is National Honor Society president, MONTALA editor, a math team member, and represented MHS at Boys State this summer.

Wyatt Wins Symphony Seat

MHS junior Mary Jane Wyatt has been selected as a member of the Birmingham Youth Symphony.

"This is a big honor for her," praises MHS band director Jim Weese. "She'll get to play with an orchestra; and this will be a new experience for her, as she will be exposed to a much wider repertoire," he adds.

To win the position, Mary Jane competed against other flutists in the Birmingham - Jefferson County area.

At Mid-South Festival--

Band Marches off with Trophy

Troubadours returned early Sunday morning from the Mid-South Marching Festival carrying two new "superior" trophies. The band scored a 1-1-2 from the three judges, averaging an overall "1" superior rating.

The MHS group was one of the 17 bands that received the "superior" grade out of the 42 bands that competed in the Gadsden event.

Drum major Alan Jones also earned the highest rating for directing the band in the competition held Saturday.

Reports Are Due

Next Friday will end the first six weeks grading period.

Report cards will be distributed the following Friday at 2:40.

Flag Corps, Excellent

The flag corps, headed by junior Sylvia Jones, earned an "excellent" mark from the judges; and the majorettes scored "good."

"I was happy with the judges' decision," states band captain Mark Hall.

"It has been a long summer of practicing, and I'm glad our work finally paid off," he adds.

More Marching

Next Saturday the band will again be in competition as they travel by chartered buses to Troy State University.

At Troy they will participate in a marching festival where they "will probably present the same show" according to director Jim Weese.

It's News Downtown--

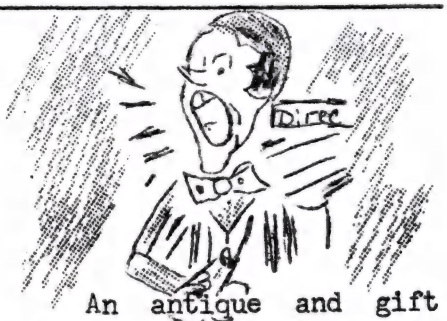
UM Presents 'Ah, Wilderness'

The University of Montevallo speech and theatre department will present Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness on Oct. 14-16 in Palmer Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. W.T. Chichester will direct the play; Mr. Joe Conger is set designer; and Mrs. Mary Harbour, costume designer.

Winners in the Sept. 18 punt, pass, and kick competition, sponsored by Sherman Holland Ford are Stacy Adams (8 yr.olds); Trey Hughes (9); Chris Connell (10); Howard Gaddis (11); Jessie Holsombeck (12); and Wade Bice (13).

They went to zone competition at Avondale Park in Birmingham last Sunday.



An antique and gift shop, operated by Jackie and Larry Tyer, will open Nov. 1 on Middle Street.

The shop will consist of two rooms. The first is formal while the second features informal styles according to Mrs. Tyer. In the back, Mr. Tyer will have an engineering office.

A box has been placed in front of the building for name suggestions.

Valley Fabric Shop opened downtown two weeks ago.

The store, formerly at Valley Junction on Hgwy. 155, is located at 17 Middle Street. Mrs. Louise Smith is the owner.

Magazines--(Cont'd)

followed by Mr. Danny Cooper's and Mrs. Cathy Bearden's classes.

"It looks as though the class will once again be able to have the prom in a more formal setting this year, for the profits total over $650," says advisor Cathy Bearden.

Last year's juniors had a total of $1,483.66 in sales.

Losing Tests Loyalty

Although MHSers were disappointed in the Bulldog loss to 3A Thompson, there are still six more games left in the season and the state 2A championship is still within reach for the team.

However, the Bulldogs need our support now more than ever to come back from this defeat, for the real tests are still awaiting them as they try to earn their second consecutive trip to the state playoff.

Understandably, MHS fans were bitterly disappointed after the last game; but tonight's battle with Jemison is a chance for supporters to show their true colors and their faith in the Bulldogs and their coaches who were even more upset by the loss.

Safety Problem Solved

For the first three weeks of school MHS had a serious problem with loading buses in the afternoon. There was confusion with students standing in the streets and cars passing the stopped buses, which is both dangerous and against the law.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett this problem has been solved with the help of teachers Don Benton, Danny Cooper, and Charles Martin.

Each week one of these faculty members supervises the area to maintain order and prevent accidents.

"The only problem now is that some parents are picking up their children on Valley Street which runs behind the school, instead of on Oak Street.

"Other than that, loading the buses is running smoothly," Mr. Corbett notes.

It is commendable that so many-- students, parents, and local drivers-- are cooperating to insure the safety of these transported students.

From Young Intruders--

Cheerleaders Ask for Help

Dear Editor:

Our cheering area at home football games is on the track in front of the field. Children running and throwing things at us in this area makes it very hard to keep our attention on cheering and the game.

It is also dangerous for the children to play in that area. We are afraid that when we jump and kick some night someone will get a hard kick in the head or stomach.

If you are a parent, brother, or sister of any of these children, please help keep them out of our cheering zone. If necessary, we will have the area roped off during the games.

Thank you,
Cheerleaders

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SC to Hold Dance Friday

Next Friday night the Student Council will sponsor a second sockhop after the MHS-Vincent game.

"Our first sockhop made one of the largest profits in a long time--$228. We hope everyone will support this next dance, too," says SC secretary Greg Hardin.

The dance will be from 10 till 12 in the auditorium. Proceeds from both hops go toward homecoming activities Oct. 29.

The preliminary planning for homecoming began Sept. 24; actual work for the event begins Oct. 11.

For Students of Math--

County Prepares for Tournament

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for the first county-wide math tournament according to math teacher Doug Morris.

The contest will be composed of three tests. The first will be general math for grades 6-9, while the second will focus on Algebra II skills. The third exam will cover mathematic areas from Algebra I to trigonometry according to Mr. Morris who is working with a county inservice group to finalize plans for the tournament.

"I think it would be one of the best things to happen to math in this county," Mr. Morris comments. "I hope it will spur more interest in math," he adds.

Mr. Nichols Wins Council Post

DEMOCRACY TEACHER DAVID NICHOLS was elected Montevallo city councilman Sept. 14. The general election for Place 5 was held Aug. 10. Results of that race revealed Mr. Nichols carried 44% of the votes. In the runoff election Mr. Nichols defeated the incumbent Dr. D.R. McMillan 217-126.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of the election and look forward to serving the citizens of Montevallo for the next four years.

"I intend to be responsive to the needs of the people," Mr. Nichols says.

He will take office Monday night at the new council's first meeting.

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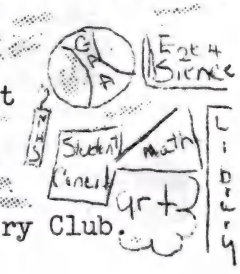
15 Organizations on Schedule As Activity Period Starts at MHS



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE began Tuesday. From 8:10 until 8:35 each Tuesday a variety of clubs hold meetings. Fifteen different organizations meet during the month.

Groups which met this week (4th Tuesday) were Future Secretaries, National Honor Society, Dramatics Club, and Library Club.

Next week (1st Tuesday) Student Council, Girls Athletic Association, Junior Academy of Science, and FHA will meet.

Every second Tuesday Math Club, Lively Arts, FFA, and Spanish Club will meet, while on the third Tuesday FCA, Chorus, and Health Careers meet.

On fifth Tuesdays all students will report to homerooms for an activity period.

Elementary School Plans Open House

THE FIRST PTA meeting of the Montevallo schools will be Monday night at 7:30 at Montevallo Elementary School.

President George Dailey will head the session which features the elementary school's Open House. Other PTA officers are Mrs. Eleanor Arnold, Dr. James Chasteen Mr. Leon Jones, and Mrs. Vicki McGee.

The next PTA meeting will be at Montevallo Middle School Dec. 13; and the final two, Feb. 17 and May 2, are scheduled at Montevallo High School.

Library Adds Books, Materials

MHSers who like to read will be pleased to know the library has received a new shipment of materials. Librarian Anne Milford says filmstrips, four records, and approximately 200 new books have been added.

Mrs. Milford notes that some of the most popular titles are Kelsey's One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest, Holt's Lord of the Far Island, Michael's House of Many Shadows, Whitney's Snowfire, and Mooney's The Hindenburg.

There are several books on arts and crafts which creative students may want to use according to Mrs. Milford.

History Classes Hear Debates; Vote Opinions

Included in the 100 million people who watched presidential candidates debate on television on Sept. 23 were students in Mr. Danny Cooper's and Mr. David Nichol's history classes.

"Both teachers used the istoric debate as a topic for class discussion," Mr. Cooper says.

Polls Taken

Straw polls were also conducted in Mr. Cooper's classes before and after the debate to see if students were influenced enough by what the candidates said to change their votes.

Carter Wins

Before the debates 38 students cast ballots for Jimmy Carter, 21 for President Ford. After watching the candidates discuss issues, 44 voted in favor of Carter, 19 for Ford, and 10 undecided.

In another survey 40 students indicated they felt Carter did best in the debate, while 31 favored Ford, and one was undecided.

Bulb Sales Draw Florida Trip Closer

With a trip to Florida on their minds, Troubadours rang doorbells and called friends to sell lightbulbs last week. According to band director Jim Weese the group netted over $1,000 from sales.

Mr. Weese says that the money may be used to attend the Miracle Strip Marching Band Festival in Ft. Walton Beach, Oct. 30.

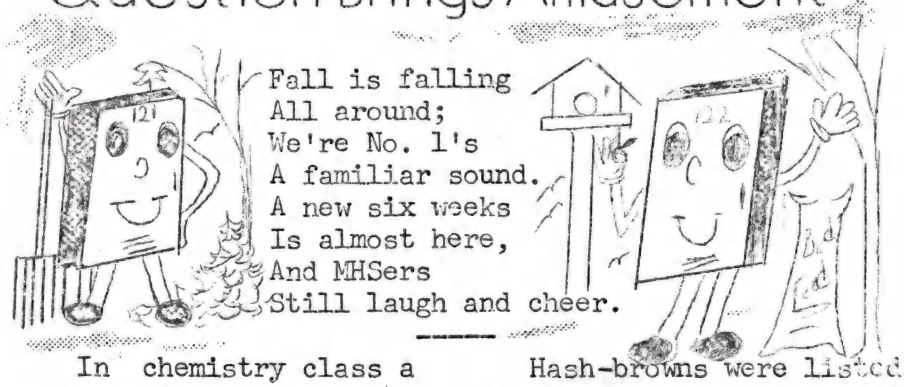
"Plans for this aren't yet definite, but we hope to compete in the Florida contest. They have earned the trip," Mr. Weese says.

COUNCIL SEEKS HOMECOMING THEME

The Student Council is offering a $5 prize for the best homecoming theme submitted by next Thursday.

Locker Laughs--

Question Brings Amusement



Fall is falling
All around;
We're No. 1's
A familiar sound.
A new six weeks
Is almost here,
And MHSers
Still laugh and cheer.

In chemistry class a student asked, "What is a catalyst?"

Teacher Jim Hermecz replied, "Well, it isn't a person who tends cattle."

During a Troubadour practice session, band members kept doing a drill wrong over and over.

When they finally completed it correctly, director Jim Weese remarked, "Well, that makes one time in a row."

Hash-browns were listed on the menu.

Looking at her plate, sophomore Leslee Belluchie giggled, "They look more like hash-whites to me."

"Which is it?" asked senior Paula Guthrie, "Autumn or fall?"

When the answer came, "Autumn is fall," Paula looked surprised and said, "Really? I thought autumn came after fall."

Lawley Scores Twice--

B Team Shuts out Hornets

MHS'S B TEAM SWATTED the Chelsea Hornets 24 - 0 at Chelsea Sept. 23. The B team is a combination of inexperienced varsity players and a portion of the junior varsity team.

On the first Bulldog possession, Darrell Lawley scored a touchdown on a 40-yd. run. Kevin Hughes added the two extra points.

Lawley Gets 68 Yards

Minutes later in the first quarter, Lawley, who gained 68 yards during the night, went in again from the eight. Chuck Reynolds made the two-point conversion.

Defense Stars

Coach Richard Gilliam named the leading tacklers Reynolds, Barry Kornegay, Kelvin Lilly, and Barry Harper as defensive standouts.

The B teamers have one game scheduled-- at Shelby County, Oct. 27.

Statistics

	MHS	CHS
1st downs	11	7
Passing	4-0	2-0
Tot. Yds.	318	187

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County Games Set

Games for county teams tonight are:

Montevallo at Jemison
Hewitt-Trussville at Thompson
Calera at Chelsea
Winterboro at Vincent

Shelby County and Pelham have open dates.

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Warriors Pour It on; Win 40-0

BEFORE A STANDING-ROOM-ONLY CROWD Thompson crushed the Bulldogs 40-0 Sept. 17 at Montevallo. Tim Durrett, at quarterback, spearheaded the massacre, gaining 106 yards and scoring one TD on a 52-yd. romp.

20 Each Half

The Big Red Machine turned it on for 20 points in each half. Five scorers were led by Tim Edmunson who crossed the goal line twice with 3- and 19-yd. runs.

Few Substitutes

Eddie Harris went in from the one and Jimmy Rogers added his 6 points, bulling it over from the three.

Brian Hayes's 27-yd. scamper put up another TD before Warrior substitutions started coming in heavily three minutes before the final whistle.

Coach Richard Gilliam had praise for leadership efforts of Barry Kornegay and Maurice Reed in the losing cause.

Game Packs Stadium

The MHS-Thompson match Sept. 17 attracted the largest crowd to a football game in Shelby County history according to MHS Principal W. C. Corbett.

Approximately 5,000 fans packed the MHS stadium, with over 3,900 being paying customers. Gate receipts totaled $6,200-- the largest ever for MHS, the principal said.

At Pelham High Tomorrow--

Volleyball Team to Play in Tournament

TOMORROW MHS'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM will compete in the county tournament at Pelham. There they will meet some teams they have already played over the last three weeks. Among these are Thompson, who defeated MHS in a 15-2, 17-15 match, and Shelby County and Pelham, who fell to the MHS squad 15-0, 15-7 and 15-9, 15-7, respectively.

Nan Jones was high scorer in both wins.

A lack of interest in a team at Calera has caused changes in the volleyball schedule. Here it is to date: Oct. 5, Vincent; T; Oct. 7, Thompson, H; Oct. 11, Bibb County, T; Oct. 14, Shelby, T; Oct. 19, Pelham, H; Oct. 21, Indian Springs, H; Oct. 26, Chelsea, T; Oct. 27, Bibb County, H; Oct. 30, District Meet, UAB.

County Scoreboard

(For Sept. 24)

Thompson 51 -- Shelby 14
Jemison 22 -- Calera 14
Vincent 40 -- Marion 6
Oak Grove 14 -- Pelham 6
Montevallo (Open date)

Panthers, then Jackets for 'Dogs--

Avenge-Minded Foes Await

TWO REVENGE-HUNGRY TEAMS will be the Bulldogs' next two opponents. The first big battle comes tonight as the 'Dogs travel to Jemison to meet the Panthers; then Vincent comes the next week.

Panther new head coach Chris Davis reached all-state stardom as a quarterback under MHS's Coach Richard Gilliam at Verbena High School in 1964.

Jemison Goes for Third Win

Coach Davis and his team will be after their third victory tonight and anxious to avenge their 46-14 loss to MHS last year.

Coach Gilliam predicts, "Jemison will be a tough test for three reasons--1) whether we can get up from the defeat suffered in the Thompson game, 2) Coach Davis will have his stronger team well prepared, and 3) they'll be up after an overtime win from Calera last week.

4 Left in Area

With two wins and no losses in area play, the Bulldogs have four area matches remaining on the schedule, three of which are at home:

Oct. 8	Vincent	H
15	Winterboro	H
29	W. Blocton	H
Nov. 5	Talladega Co. Trng. Sch.	T

'Jackets Remember

Next Friday night at Bulldog Stadium Vincent will also pose a tough struggle for MHS as the Yellowjackets have been stewing since the miracle 20-17 win which the Bulldogs pulled off last year there in double overtime.

"Vincent's team knows they must beat us to have any hopes of going to the state play-offs," Coach Gilliam says. "However," he adds, "that same thing holds true for us too."

Bass Bite Bait For Hermecz

Bass were plentiful on Sept. 15 for teacher Jim Hermecz and fishing companions Vince Cardone (MHS '72) and Jerry McGaughy (MHS '67).

Mr. Hermecz landed 12, with the "largest ones weighing between two and three pounds" according to the three fishermen.

Mr. Hermecz revealed "most of the bass were caught on a casting bait called "Mini-R" while fishing at Lake Mitchell.

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Bulldog Growls--

Team Regains Bulldog Power

By Greg Hardin

TONIGHT when the Bulldogs visit the Jemison Panthers, they will be almost full strength.

A knee injury which quarterback Terry McCarey got in the Shelby game is still bothering him. According to Coach Richard Gilliam this holds Terry's playing efficiency down to about 85%.

Spectators who saw the Thompson disaster remember Thomas Brown's being viciously slammed over the fence. However, Brown suffered no major injury and should be ready tonight.

Play begins tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. in the Shelby County Volleyball Tournament at Pelham. Finals will be in the afternoon.

Those traveling north tomorrow should stop by Pelham and see high school volleyball at its best.

Admission to the tournament is $1.00.

Junior Varsity Loses One, Ties One

After losing to Thompson junior team Sept. 14, the Bullpups came back to tie Chelsea last Thursday.

Quarterback David Cofer, who scored all three TD's for the Warriors proved too much for the Pups as Thompson defeated the junior varsity 22-12.

Last Thursday night the Pups tied Chelsea 8-8.

MHS grabbed the lead in the first period with a 40-yd. run by Alvin Connell, leading rusher. The Hornets tied the score from 3 yards out after a blocked punt.

Jeffro Johnson was outstanding defensively for Montevallo in the game played at Chelsea.

Chaplain Promotes Fellowship

Reverend George Steincross of the University Baptist Church is the new band chaplain for the Marching Troubadours. Director Jim Weese asked Mr. Steincross to serve in this position. Before each band performance he gives a devotional and has prayer with the group.

"I think it's a good opportunity for members of the band to have fellowship together," says Mr. Weese.

"Besides being a unifying factor, the spiritual guidance is needed, not only as a group, but individually," he adds.

Juniors Overlooked

In the Sept. 17 issue of SPOTLIGHT the junior class student council representatives were accidentally omitted.

They are Mike Beers, Cathy Belisle, Sybile Cathey, Leslie Davis, Greg Hardin, Albert Jones, Vickie Lilly, Darrell Lawley, and John Merijanian.

Director Grades Band At each Performance

Band director Jim Weese rates the Troubadours after each performance, and posts the score, 1-10, in the bandroom.

Highest scores this year have been two 9.0's which the band earned from the Shelby County and Thompson halftime shows.

Earlier they rated a 7.5 for the Marion show and 7.9 at Chelsea.

"I am trying to get the band ready for contests by letting them see just how they are doing," Mr. Weese explains.

Seniors to Pose; Photo Dates Changed

Originally scheduled for Sept. 29, senior portraits will be made Wednesday.

On Oct. 14 seniors will be posing again with the underclassmen for school-days pictures.

Students who wish to purchase a packet of pictures must pay $5 at the camera according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony. She adds that "the studios have guaranteed us satisfaction."

Ele-Mid Notes--

Schools Plan Open House, Fall Festival

"Parents, students, and friends of the three Montevallo schools are invited to Open House at our school," states Montevallo Elementary School principal Doris Jeter.

The yearly event will be this year's first PTA meeting which will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Plans are once again being made for the annual Fall Festival at Montevallo Middle School.

According to MMS secretary Jane Jones students are looking forward to this year's event which is scheduled to be held at the Middle School on Oct. 29.

Bolling Takes T V Bows

MHS now has a television performer. Wesley Bolling has been appearing on the Country Boy Eddie Show since August.

Wesley and his employer, Mr. Morris Horton, present advertisements for Mr. Horton's Ace Hardware Stores located in Montevallo and West Blocton on the Birmingham-based show. Wesley also plays his trumpet and occasionally he sings on the show.

"When Country Boy first introduced us, I really was a little shakey, but it went away--then I was ready to get things on the road," Wesley grins.

Wesley usually appears on the show which is aired on Channel 6 from 5-7 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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Sellers Earn Treat

Last Thursday 36 juniors earned passes from their subscriptions to a coke party in the auditorium at second period.

Cokes were donated by David Brantley and ice was provided by Cunningham's Union 76.

'Spotlight' Joins National Celebration

THIS WEEK IS National Newspaper Week. President Gerald Ford and governors of each state have issued proclamations of support in observance of the week to honor the press.

The theme, "DEFEND THE 1st AMENDMENT--Freedom of the Press--A Mandate from History," emphasizes relationship between personal freedom and a free press in the United States.

SPOTLIGHT has joined other newspapers across the nation in this celebration. Staff members have placed historical notes on the announcement sheet each day, designed posters for school and community, and cleaned and displayed awards which SPOTLIGHT has won through the years.

As Distinguished Seniors--

11 MHSers Earn National Honor

ELEVEN SENIORS HAVE BEEN NAMED nominees to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

They are Lynne Davis, Connie Goggins, Regina Harbour, John Klemmec, Amy Knowles, Pam Pendleton, Linda Rochester, Linda Sims, Cindy Smitherman, Anita Spicer, and Ricky Williams.

Nomination to this honorary organization is based on high school grades according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony. An overall average of 90 or above going into the senior year is required. The students must now complete a registration form to be eligible for scholarships available to members of the society.

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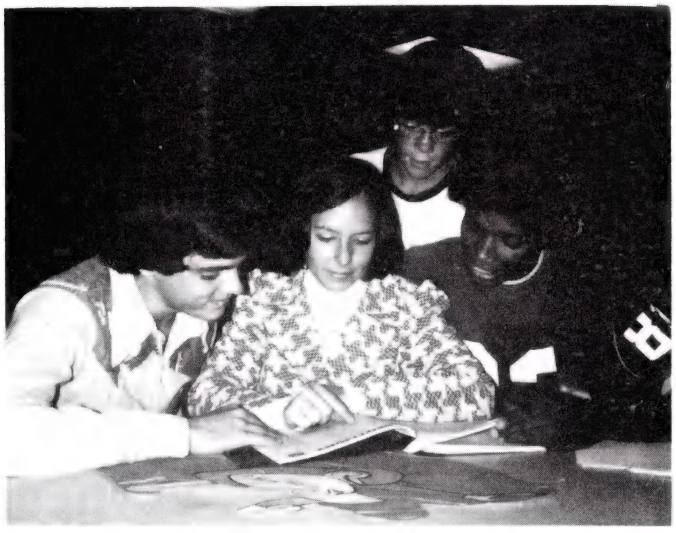


HOW ABOUT THIS?

SC officers (1 - r) Greg Hardin, Lynne Davis, Randy Beers, and Billy Belisle study plans for homecoming activities.

With "Dream Weaver" Theme--

SC Plans Homecoming

HOMECOMING IS OCT. 29. "Dream Weaver," the title of a popular song, is the theme for this year's event, sponsored by the student council. Junior Leslie Davis was awarded $5 for the suggestion in the theme contest.

Competing for queen and court positions are girls who signed up this week for the contest. The student body votes for the court Monday and winners will be announced later in the week.

Tentative plans for homecoming include "spirit week," the traditional bonfire and pep rally, a pre-game show with the band and the queen and her court, a dance after the game, and an alumni tea. The football game matches the Bulldogs with an area rival, West Blocton.

In addition, seniors of 1956 will hold a class reunion while the dance is in progress.

Practice Period, Oct. 25-Dec. 15--

UM Sends Teacher Trainees

MHS TEACHING STAFF will increase when University of Montevallo's student teachers arrive Oct. 25.

The student teachers and their supervising teachers are: Mr. James Conevord--Mr. Danny Cooper; Miss Melanie Andrews--Mrs. Junnie Craig; Mrs. Johnny Faye Davis--Mrs. Barbara Belisle; Mr. David Edwards--Mr. David Nichols; Miss Jane Espy--Mrs. Cathy Bearden, Mrs. Ann Parker; Miss Debra Herndon-- Mr. Dan Martin; Mr. John Marchant--Mr. Don Benton; and Mrs. Barbara Thompson--Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins.

"We've had hundreds of student teachers over the years, but we always welcome new ones," Principal W. C. Corbett says. "They help us, and we provide them a training ground for teaching," he adds.

The UM students will be at MHS until Dec. 15.

Judges Rate Band 'Excellent' at Troy

MHS Troubadours earned an "excellent" rating at the Scutheastern States Marching Festival in Troy, Saturday. Drum major Alan Jones and the flag corps also rated "excellent."

The majorettes received a "good" score.

Judges for the contest were Mr. John Armstrong, Mr. John Bostic, Jr., Mrs. Steve Means, Mr. Melvin Morgan, Mr. John R. Savage, and Mr. Johnny Shook.

Out of the 36 bands at the contest, only 8 earned "superior" marks.

Next Saturday the Troubadours will participate in the Shelby County Band Jamboree at Thompson.

Flu Shots Available

Shelby County's Health Department will hold a clinic Monday to give free swine flu inoculations in the auditorium from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at MHS.

Only those who have reached 19 years of age and above are eligible for the shot according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

"We hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity," he urges.

As President

Seniors Choose Van Valkenburg

Senior Craig Van Valkenburg is the new senior class president. He was elected by his fellow students who also selected Amy Knowles, vice president; Ricky Williams, secretary; and Billy Belisle, treasurer.

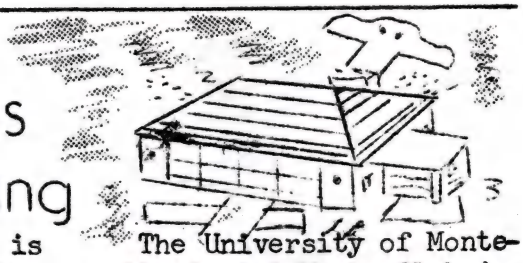
Class members voted for each office in separate elections so students could run for more than one position. Nominees were selected from each homeroom and all members of the senior class voted.

"I look forward to serving as president, and I hope I can help make our senior class the best one ever," Craig says.

Class sponsors are Mrs. Ann Parker, Mr. Doug Morris, and Mr. David Nichols.

It's News Downtown--

Bidding Begins For Solar Building



Alabama Power Company is choosing a builder for the new solar building to be located on Main Street.

All bids must be approved by the board of directors this month according to spokesman Noland Hardin. He adds that the actual construction should start in November.

The split level, triangular shaped and energy sufficient building will serve as the Montevallo District office.

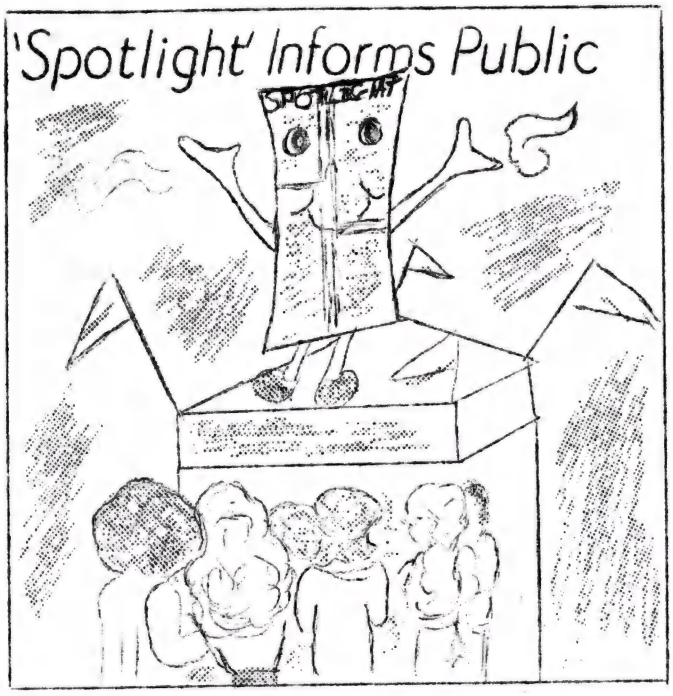
Drawings were made by Cobb, Adams, and Benton, Inc.

The University of Montevallo Social Work Club is sponsoring a paper drive to earn money for "Project Santa Claus." The drive began Oct. 4 and continues through Oct. 30.

Papers can be brought to Room 144 of Reynolds Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 665-2521, Ext. 291, for paper pickups.

Topdog's, a restaurant specializing in hot dogs, will open soon on Main Street. Owners are John Draper and Cathy Ladewig.

'Spotlight' Informs Public



Principal Describes Role of 'Spotlight'

SPOTLIGHT, MHS's mimeographed newspaper, illustrates that good newspapering does not necessarily depend on cost or method of production but on the quality of writing and service to the school and community.

By publishing SPOTLIGHT, we are able to allow students to "learn by doing." They have an opportunity to study and learn about journalistic techniques, interview people, write articles, sell subscriptions, produce the paper, put it together, and deliver subscriptions.

SPOTLIGHT is one of the most important public relations tools we have at MHS; and over the years, it has brought us much favorable attention and good will.

We are thankful for our outstanding faculty advisors, the great student staffs, SPOTLIGHT, and freedom of the press.

Some Vandals Show Lack of Concern For Renovated MHS

A lack of appreciation is evident among some students at MHS.

This year will be the first full year that students attend a renovated MHS. However, some seem to have forgotten how nice the improvements are.

Unnecessary damages to the restrooms have caused repairs to be needed before we have been in the building a year. Most of the expenditures for maintenance were needed for a few vandalize the restrooms by removing doors and paper holders and sitting on the lavatories.

Surely anyone of school age can take better care of facilities than we have in the last six weeks.

Perhaps thinking back to pre-renovation days will encourage everyone to help remedy this situation.

Final Debate Set

Some MHSers have voiced resentment at being required to listen to the TV debates of Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

All Americans -- voting age or not--should be interested in learning about the proposed administrations for everyone will be affected by the outcome of November's election.

All students are urged to watch the Oct. 22 debate -- whether required to or not!

Letters Solicited

All students are urged to write letters to the editor expressing their comments and suggestions.

Letters should be put in the "Letters" folder on the SPOTLIGHT bulletin board in Room 204.

Locker Laughs and news items are also welcomed.

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Journalist Tells Problems Of Publication

By Mary Sherrer

SPOTLIGHTers have discovered that besides regular classroom work being a member of a newspaper staff causes quite a few headaches.

Some of these are:

--selling subscriptions
--deadlines
--interviews that are cancelled
--headlines that won't fit
--learning journalism jargon
--facts changed after the stencils are typed
--using different words in headlines and leads
--staying within the budget
--pictures that don't develop
--proofreaders overlooking mistakes
--delivery day.

With all these complications, though, a student journalist is speaking the truth when he says, "Sorry I'm late. I've been working on SPOTLIGHT.

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The Power of the Pen

By Joe Dean, Jr.
Chairman, Shelby County Board of Education

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK should encourage budding journalists to take stock of the effects a career in the field of journalism can have on the future of our nation. No other profession has the potential for so much sway of public opinion as does journalism.

The recognition of the might of the pen and its need for free exercise is found in the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States. SPOTLIGHT is an example of how facts and opinions are expressed in a responsible manner.

The Shelby County Board of Education commends the SPOTLIGHT staff for its continuing excellence in reporting. The Board encourages all high schools in our county to strive for the best in revelant and factual coverage of school and community topics. It is proper that National Newspaper Week gives recognition to those who are preparing themselves for a future in the field of journalism.

Readers Rank Sports No. 1

IN A SURVEY conducted last week SPOTLIGHTers found that MHSers consider the sports section their favorite part of the school newspaper. However, readers revealed that they read the front page first when they see a copy of the paper.

In the sports section, students indicated that although they read the reviews of the games, they preferred articles on sports personalities.

Almost all of the students who answered the survey questions stated they would be "excited" to see their name in SPOTLIGHT.

The suggestion given most often to the staff was to include more photographs in the newspaper as students feel they make SPOTLIGHT more interesting or, as one MHSer stated, "brings the articles to life."

'Spotlight' Aims to Serve Readers

EACH YEAR IN THE OBSERVANCE of National Newspaper Week the SPOTLIGHT staff states Montevallo High's newspaper's purposes for readers. The SPOTLIGHT's objectives are:

1. To keep faculty members, parents, students, and other subscribers aware of all campus events and activities.
2. To act as an accurate record of the school year.
3. To help build and encourage school spirit.
4. To serve as a means of communication and as a sounding board between faculty and students and school and community.
5. To strive for journalistic excellence.

Readers Counted

This year SPOTLIGHT has 196 subscribers.

In a survey conducted last week, the staff discovered that in addition to the regular subscribers there are approximately 200 other MHSers who read the newspaper each publication date.

Two Beginning, One Advanced--

Newspaper Classes Enlarge

MORE STUDENTS ARE TAKING JOURNALISM at MHS this year than ever before. Until 1972 there had been only one class, which included both basic and advanced students. Two classes which divided the group were added to the schedule the first year Mrs. Linda Sproul was adviser.

"This year there was such a large number of students who wanted journalism we have three classes, two basic and one advanced," teacher Cathy Bearden explains.

37 Reporters

Besides the editors and managers there are 37 reporters this year. Second year reporters are Sheila Brown, Thomas Brown, Suzanette Campbell, Vanessa Cottingham, and Charlotte Foley.

1st Year Students

First year workers include Bill Allen, Glenn Blackmon, James Blaylock, David Brantley, Phoebe Cathey, Alison Cole, Angela Collins, Phyllis Conwell, Lisa Coon.

Selena Davis, Tammy Davis, Marty Eddleman, Martha Fomby, Katrina Gilbert, Kathy Glosson, Joy Guy, Pam Henley and Gail Hill.

Others are Marla Jones, Sylvia Jones, Darrell Lawley, Becky Lesley, Lisa Lovelady, Jeff Lucas, Pam Pendleton, Mary Reed, Beth Rochester, Terri Rochester, Patricia Sailes, Ann Tolbert, Nellie Yelder, and Craig Van Valkenburg.

Technical Adviser Is Constant--

8 Advisers Develop 'Spotlight'

SPOTLIGHT IS 29 years old. During this time there have been eight different journalism teachers who have advised SPOTLIGHT staffs with the help of Miss Susie DeMent as technical adviser.

The first journalism teacher was Mr. Robert Carswell. After helping establish THE SPOTLIHGT (printed on a spirit duplicator), he left MHS to teach at a college in Louisiana.

Miss Nelle Holcombe

Mr. Carswell was replaced by Miss Nelle Holcombe who taught seven years at MHS. Presently she is working with Special Services in the U. S. Army in Germany.

Professional Journalist

In 1955 Mr. Guy Milford, husband of librarian Anne Milford, came to Montevallo. He was the first professional journalist to assist SPOTLIGHT staffs. Later Mr. Milford became principal of MHS.

Mr. Milford died during the summer of 1974.

Speech Teacher

Miss Carol Ashburn (now Mrs. Merle Roach) followed Mr. Milford as adviser. She is now a speech instructor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

In a recent survey of former SPOTLIGHT advisers Mrs. Roach commented, "I enjoyed working with the journalism students. It was a new experience for me," she reveals.

Serves Two Terms

Mrs. Carolyn Edfeldt served SPOTLIGHT two different times. The first was from 1958-1960. Later she returned to serve as

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Journalism 'Runs in the Family'

SOME SPOTLIGHT reporters seem to have journalism in their blood. Twelvehave sisters or brothers who were SPOTLIGHTERS, while senior Pam Pendleton follows her mother Emily, who was editor in '52, and Beth Rochester follows her father Leldon, sports editor in '56.

Other students and their siblings are: Glenn Blackmon--Cheryl; Vanessa Cottingham--Bryant; Kathy Glosson--Billy; Pam and Paula Guthrie--Karen; Joy Guy--Pam; Pam Henley--Dorrie; Vivian Hernandez--Conchita; Sylvia Jones--Linda; Jeff Lucas--Debbie; Chuck Reynolds--Bruce; and Mary Sherrer--Bobby.

After 30 Years together--

Sponsor Is Newspoper Synonym

ALTHOUGH THIS IS SPOTLIGHT'S twenty-ninth year in circulation, it is Miss Susie DeMent's thirtieth year working with the MHS newspaper. The first year she was at MHS, the newspaper was printed on the spirit duplicator and was called "The Spotlight." It was a year later before SPOTLIGHT emerged in its present mimeographed form.

Miss DeMent is MHS's business teacher. She types all SPOTLIGHT stencils and serves as technical adviser for the publication. Past journalism teachers who have served as co-sponsor with Miss DeMent remember how vital she was to the newspaper.

Provided Guidance

Mrs. Linda Sproul comments, "I couldn't have done without her guidance since I had such limited experience. Her work was perfection."

"Miss DeMent's knowledge, skill, and expertise were indispensable," notes another former adviser Carol Roach.

Tender Loving Care

A third sponsor Carolyn Edfeldt also expresses her gratitude for Miss DeMent's aid. "Her help was invaluable," she writes. "She gives SPOTLIGHT her Tender Loving Care.

"SPOTLIGHT would not have gained its professional look without her energy and skilled hand."

SPOTLIGHT's present adviser Cathy Bearden agrees with all the others saying that "to produce a mimeographed paper requires a team not only of editors, staff, and their journalism teacher, but also a person skilled in typing, layout and mechanical knowledge like Miss DeMent."

Miss DeMent says, "My work with the newspaper has caused many heartaches and headaches, but Montevallo High School would not be the same to me if we didn't have SPOTLIGHT."

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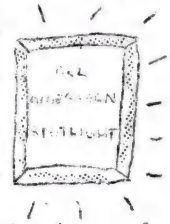
'Spotlight' Staffers 'Dress up' Awards



While preparing for National Newspaper Week, journalism students discovered certificates depicting SPOTLIGHT's 28 All American awards.

The group decided to "dress up" the honors that former staffs earned, and math teacher Doug Morris helped by designing and making wooden plaques.

SPOTLIGHTers are now in the process of staining them and will then decoupage the certificates onto them. The finished plaques will be hung in room 204.

SPOTLIGHT adviser Cathy Bearden remarked, "Without Mr. Morris's help we could not have afforded such nice plaques."

8 Advisers Develop -- (Cont'd)

adviser ten years.

In a recent communication Mrs. Edfeldt notes that she enjoyed working with the journalism classes but at times she had her doubts.

"When SPOTLIGHT was a viable, creative enterprise shared with equal responsibility by the entire staff, I enjoyed it very much," she notes. "But when one or two students had to stay many nights to get the copy together--that was a different story," she adds.

Mrs. Gerard Priestly

Mrs. S. E. Gerard Priestly, another professional journalist, served as sponsor from 1960 to 1961. She is now at Elon College, N.C.

Discovered Talent

Mrs. Linda Sproul, sponsor from 1972 - 1975 lives in Maylene where she is presently caring for her two small children. She writes, "I enjoyed working with SPOTLIGHT very much, and I was pleasantly surprised at the talent I discovered while at MHS."

Mrs. Cathy Bearden, present journalism teacher and former SPOTLIGHTer herself, came to Montevallo as a teacher last year.

Adviser, Staffer Learn Layout

MONTALA sponsor Frances Anthony and organization editor Cindy Holsombeck attended a yearbook workshop Oct. 2.

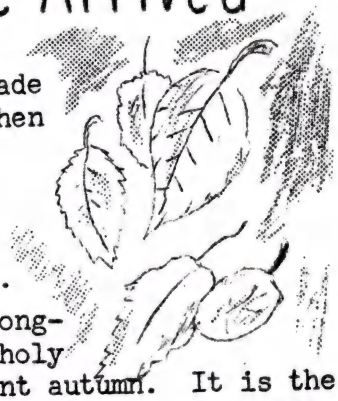
Sponsored by Women in Communications, Inc., at Samford University, the clinic had as its main speaker Mr. Bob Creasman of Paragon Press.

At the all-day session participants attended the various classes and were provided with refreshments and a box lunch.

Cindy says, "It was a long, hard day; but I feel we learned a great deal about yearbook layout."

Wrap-ups Become Evident--

Autumn Days Have Arrived



By Pam Guthrie

Chilly air and falling leaves made students wrap up a little warmer when autumn officially began Sept. 22.

Fall days bring many different things to minds of MHSers--cooler football games, shivery nights, snuggley wraps, and cozy firesides.

American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said of autumn: "The melancholy days are here. Autumn, magnificient autumn. It is the time of the year when the trees have finished their summer offerings to God and man and shed their fruit and leaves."

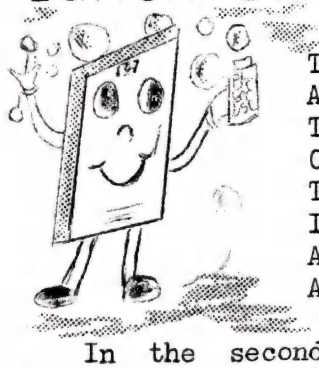
Even though there is a sense of sadness in this season, as Longfellow observed, there is also a feeling of joy when the fall flowers bloom and show off their luscious colors of orange, rust, and gold.

These autumnish hues remind children of the Halloween fun ahead and make others think of Thanksgiving, the special autumn holiday.

Even though summer activities are over, autumn should prove to be just as an exciting time for all.

LOCKER LAUGHS ---

Lunch Bring Funny Line



The Bulldogs
Are looking great;
The Troubadour show
Can hardly wait.
The student body
Is super fine
And always has
A funny line!

In the second lunch period, sophomore Gay Perkins looked at her plate and remarked, "Well, you can't tell who they're for since they're serving 'Dole' bananas and 'Carter' peanuts."

Seniors Joy Guy and Alison Cole were discussing lockers.

Joy commented, "It sure is rough having a bottom locker."

Alison replied, "You bet your bottom locker!"

Senior English teacher Ann Parker asked her students, "What is ERA?"

As Cindy Smitherman replied, "Equal Rights Amendment," another student offered, "Detergent!"

Juniors Cathy Belisle, Vanessa Cottingham, and Gail Hill were posing for a snapshot and asked Alvin Connell to join them.

"We'll be your background," they said.

Senior Glenn Blackmon in passing said, "I think you mean his blackground."

'Spotlighters to Sell Homecoming Mums

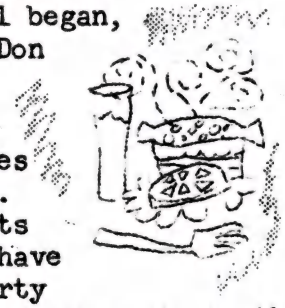
Bulldog fans have a chance to show their spirit with mums for the homecoming game again this year. The flowers are on sale now and may be ordered from any SPOTLIGHTer or teachers Cathy Bearden and Susie DeMent

The $3 payment must be made when orders are given. The mums will be delivered before the homecoming pep rally Oct. 29.

The flowers which feature orange and blue ribbons and a blue "M" in the center of the mum are designed by Pelham Florist.

New Lunch Time Scheduled

There are now three lunch periods rather than the two in operation when school began, due to a suggestion made by teacher Don Benton.



A third lunch period is now scheduled from 11:35 to 12:00 and involves 55 students from Mr. Benton's and Mr. Doug Morris's classes. These students report to class for thirty minutes, have lunch, and then resume class for thirty more minutes. On test days, the students eat at the regular hour.

After working on a trial basis, students, teachers, and lunchroom workers like the new period.

"It's working great and it has relieved some of the noisy, crowded conditions of the lunchroom," Principal W. C. Corbett affirms.

Honor Society Initiates Members At Middle School

MHS's National Honor Society visited Montevallo Middle School Wednesday to initiate a National Junior Honor Society. Nineteen MMS students became members at the ceremony.

"It is the same organization as the one at MHS except it is for junior high," sponsor Emily Pendleton explains.

"Membership requires the same four traits--scholarship, character, leadership, and service-- plus citizenship," she adds.

Six MHSers with speaking roles in the presentation were Lynne Davis, Regina Harbour, John Klemenc, Pam Pendleton, Linda Sims, and Ricky Williams.

Juniors Are Advised To Take PSAT-NMSQT

Next Tuesday the PSAT-NMSQT (Primary Scholastic Aptitude Test -- National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be given in the MHS library.

The two-hour test, which starts at the end of activity period, will be limited to the first 30 who register with guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Mrs. Anthony states, "Juniors are urged to take the PSAT if they are planning to go to college."

Ele-Mid Notes--

Local Schools Conduct Activity

Mrs. Inez Underwood's 4th and 5th graders presented a short devotional program to approximately 300 guests at the first PTA meeting of Montevallo Schools at Montevallo Elementary School Oct. 4.

Coffee and doughnuts were served in the cafeteria after PTA members held a business session and toured the building.

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Mrs. Gail Robbins, Title I Reading Program teacher, was in charge of a Read-In, Oct. 6, from 2:15 until 2:45 at Montevallo Middle School.

At that time the entire school sat down and read thirty minutes just for pleasure.

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Winners of the Mr. and Miss MMS Contest will be announced at assembly Oct. 29 at 8:15. Those selected will reign over the Fall Festival that same day.

Club Attends State Fair

Tuesday FHA members traveled to Birmingham to the State Fair. According to home ec teacher Rose Ellen Hankins the purpose of the visit was to see the exhibits by other FHA chapters in the state. She notes that these exhibits were related to different areas of home economics and were both interesting and educational.

"I hope they encouraged students to realize the creative ways they can use their skills," adds Mrs. Hankins.

The group was accompanied by Mrs. Hankins, FHA adviser Junnie Craig, and Rev. G. C. Craig, Mrs. Craig's husband, who provided transportation.

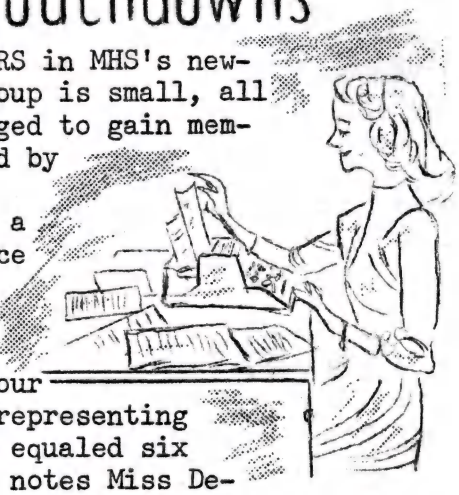
Juniors Select Senior Rings

Next Wednesday will be a big day for juniors as they order class rings. Mr. Bert Jones of Josten's will take the orders at a first period assembly in the auditorium.

At this time the 11th graders will have a variety of stone colors and ring styles from which to choose. A $20 deposit must be made when the rings are ordered according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

Gain 6 Words in 4 Days--

Typists Make Touchdowns



THERE ARE ONLY 13 MEMBERS in MHS's newest "club." Although the group is small, all typing students were encouraged to gain membership in the club sponsored by teacher Susie DeMent.

In order to qualify as a member, typists had to advance six words past their highest speed on 3-minute writings, with not more than 3 errors.

The students were given four days to achieve this score, representing four "downs." The six words equaled six yards needed for a touchdown notes Miss DeMent. A Snicker candy bar was awarded those who made a 6-word increase and became Touchdown Club members.

13 Winners

Students receiving a prize are Billy Brantley, Sheila Chancey, Vanessa Cottingham, Rene Davis, Kathy Gilmore, Albert Jones, Karen Jones, Amy Knowles, Laurie Lovejoy, Barbara McGiboney, Karen Morris, Dandrea Ray, and Franklin Rutledge.

Extra Points

After reaching "paydirt," the students then tried to add two more to their score to represent the two extra points.

Only Sheila and Vanessa achieved this extra treat. They received the second candy bar.

Anyone Could Win

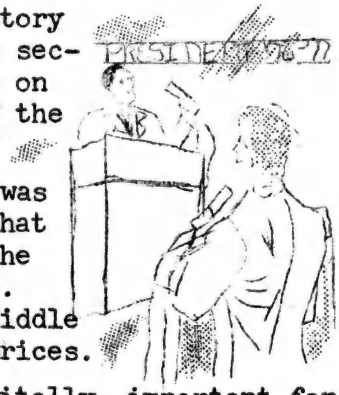
"A contest like this gives some of the students who type at slow speeds a chance to win," Miss Dement explains.

"However," she smiles, "two winners were two of the fastest typists this six weeks-- Rene Davis and Karen Jones. Both typed 39 words per minute."

A bulletin board displayed club members' names as they scored.

Foreign Policy not Foreign--

Classes Watch Candidates



Mr. Danny Cooper's American History classes were required to watch the second presidential candidate debate on television Oct. 6. The subject of the session was foreign policy.

Mr. Cooper says the assignment was given for "the world is so small that what happens in one area affects the United States and each MHS student. For example, what happens in the Middle East directly influences our gas prices.

"Such examples show that it's vitally important for us to at least have a basic knowledge of foreign policy; what it is, who conducts it, whether or not it's successful, etc."

Mr. Cooper adds, "I think that by watching the debate the students cannot only draw their own conclusions but will begin to ask questions that will lead them to a knowledge of foreign policy."

"After watching the debate, I realized that the U. S. foreign policy is much more involved than I had thought," observes junior Mary Sherrer. "I had not realized how it really affected me."

Artists Show Work

"Found art" was on display in the main foyer recently. The creations were made by fourth period art students from objects collected by the students.

The project was assigned by teacher Ann Parker, after a study of using "found" objects which are of interest to artists.

For 20 Years of Remembering--

'56ers Will Hold Reunion

HOMECOMING WILL BRING returning smiles and faces as the Class of '56 holds a reunion twenty years after graduating from MHS. The '56ers will sit in a special section of the stadium for the football game and afterwards return to the school for a special reception in teacher Ann Parker's room.

Math teacher Doug Morris, a '56er himself, notes, "The class is scattered all over America, as far west as California and also in other states like Texas, Oklahmma, and Georgia; but we hope to have as many back Oct. 29 as possible."

Officers of the 36-member class were Bobby Wilson, president; Steve Haley, vice president; Jane Nichols, secretary; and Sigrid Lund, treasurer.

Wyatt Earns Top Position

After outplaying 13 other flutists, junior Mary Jane Wyatt won first chair in the flute section in the Birmingham Youth Symphony.

In earlier contests she won membership in the Birmingham musical group but had to compete again for this position.

Mary Jane is also first chair in the MHS band.

"I enjoy the Youth Symphony; it's so different from regular band, and it gives me a chance to play with musicians from other bands," Mary Jane says.

Library Club Elects All-Male Slate

Males captured all offices in the first meeting of the library club Sept. 28.

Chuck Hood was elected president at the session.

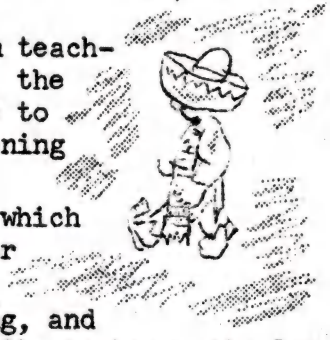
Other officers are vice president, James Lash; and secretary-treasurer, John Owen.

The group discussed programs for the year, according to sponsor Anne Milford. She adds that the program will center on the club's theme, "Exploring the Library for Fun and Profit."

Twenty-two freshmen (11 boys and 11 girls) make up the club's membership.

Listen to Foreigners--

Spanish Classes Hear Tapes



Strange words may be heard from teacher Dan Martin's room. Actually the sounds are Spanish speaking people to whom the Spanish classes are listening on tape.

Mr. Martin has found the tapes which accompany the textbooks helpful for the past two years he says.

"The dialogues are interesting, and they give the students an opportunity to hear the language spoken by native speakers," Mr. Martin explains.

He also uses blank tapes to record the students' Spanish. Later, he plays these so class members can listen to themselves.

"It helped all of us to understand how to speak the language, because we could hear the way that Spanish people talk," says junior Mary Jane Wyatt.

Vocational Center Hosts Meal

The foods department at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center prepared a banquet for the Department of Pensions and Security last week. Forty-one people attended the event.

"It was one of the biggest meals my students will ever prepare," teacher Connie Adams says. The menu included pork chops, baked potatoes, broccoli casserole, cole slaw, rolls, pink delight, and iced tea.

Five chefs from MHS were Bill Allen, Nikita Brown, Suzanette Campbell, Sybile Cathey, and Donna Lilly.

Former MHSer Heads Magazine

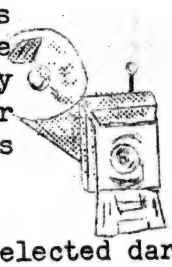
Judy Horton Birchfield, feature editor of SPOTLIGHT in 1968, is editor-in-chief of the recently established REGION magazine. After going to work in February as associate editor for the publication, Judy was promoted to the top position in September.

The magazine has a lot of state-wide coverage and tries "to promote Alabama to Alabamians" according to Judy. "I really enjoy working with it," she adds.

A monthly periodical, the magazine is published in Saginaw in Shelby County. The first issue was released in May, 1976.

In addition to Judy, three other former MHSers are working with the publication. Bobby Birchfield ('64) is head of circulation and marketing, and Lee Ann Horton ('76) works in that same area. Mike Guthrie ('70) is photographer for the magazine.

Girls Pick Blue



Senior girls chose blue more often than any other color for their portraits made last Wednesday.

Seventeen selected dark blue drapes and four a light shade of blue for the picture.

Red was the next most popular, with 11 picking it. Seven preferred green and six, maroon.

Carter Wins In Senior Votes

Seniors placed presidential candidate Jimmy Carter above Gerald Ford in democracy teacher David Nichols's classes.

Mr. Nichols asked the class to cast ballots for the candidate of their choice after watching the first presidential candidates debates on television.

Sixty-two percent favored Carter, while 34% voted for Ford. Four percent were undecided or did not choose to vote.

12th Grade Has Busy Week

Two events were listed on the senior schedule for this week.

Tuesday the class had a party at the UM lake house. Each guest paid $1.50 to help supply food, and music was provided by records and tapes.

Today the seniors will have an assembly in the auditorium during third period. Mr. Kermit Mathison, admissions director at UM, will speak to the group.

Poetry Recitation Serves as Test

Students in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's junior English classes recited Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself," Oct. 4. Different sections of the poem earned grades ranging from 60 to 100. Since the recitation was equivalent to a test, Mrs. Belisle allowed students to determine how much they wanted to learn.

Earning 100 points were Cathy Belisle, Suzanette Campbell, Vonna Carson, Leslie Davis, Barry Kornegay, Becky Lesley, Vickie Lilly, Jeff Lucas, Mary Sherrer, and Mary Wyatt.

Mrs. Belisle notes that one-third of the 69 students made A's and only two refused to try.

"I assign a poem for recitation each six weeks because I want students to learn to speak before an audience, keeping diction and volume in mind," Mrs. Belisle explains.

Earn Money for Many Causes--

BOE Students Become Salesmen

Fifteen Montevallo High School students enrolled in business and office education classes of Shelby County Vocational Center at Columbiana are currently selling Tom Wats products.

According to BOE student Lorie Pickett the profits will be used to help pay the group's expenses to the State Fair, expenditures at the center's Open House for parents in February, and for a new copier.

The sale will continue until Oct. 19, and purchases will arrive in November.

County Teams Win

Six of Shelby County's seven football teams had wins last week:

MHS 26--Vincent 18
Thompson 27-Childersburg 9
Calera 16--Thorsby 12
Chelsea 33--Winterboro22
Shelby 12--Pell City 8
Pelham 12---Maplesville 8

Mistakes Make the Difference--

Bulldogs Knock off 'Jackets

REMAINING UNDEFEATED in area play, Montevallo took advantage of Vincent's mistakes and came out with a 26-18 victory last Friday night. Both squads went into the game at MHS feeling it was a "must" to keep state playoff hopes alive according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

"It was really a big win for us," Bulldog quarterback Terry McCarey says. "It gave us back our confidence for now we feel we can win the big ones.

"Since we are back in the win column, I believe we'll go all the way."

Brown Runs 84 Yards

With a 12-6 halftime score, Thomas Brown's 84-yd. runback of the second half kickoff gave MHS the breathing room needed. The run, plus McCarey's two-point conversion dive put the Bulldogs ahead 20-6.

Errors Give Points

Montevallo's other three TD's came after Vincent errors. Early in the first quarter the 'Dogs caught the 'Jacket punter on his own 29. Seven plays later McCarey scored.

A second touchdown came after Tim Ross recovered a Vincent fumble 35 yards away from the goal. Ross went in from the four.

Another 'Jacket fumble recovered by Mark Spence on Vincent's 24 set up a 10-yard touchdown run by Brown in the third period.

Vincent Scores

Vincent's passing combination of Robert Riggins to Willie Womack accounted for two 'Jacket touchdowns and Robert Peterson ran 13 yards to score the other.

"The two teams were evenly matched," Coach Gilliam said."Both fought valiantly and kept alive on each other's mistakes."

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Dogs Face 2 'Big Ones'

By Chuck Reynolds

MONTEVALLO FACES CAPABLE FOES in the upcoming two games--Winterboro, a 2A area opponent; and Calera, a strong 1A neighbor.

Tonight Bulldog Stadium will be full of 'Dogs as an angry Winterboro Bulldog visits Montevallo's Bulldogs seeking to avenge a 14-0 loss to MHS last year.

Game Is a Must

A win against Winterboro is a must for Coach Richard Gilliam's charges if they are to hold onto their intentions of returning to state.

Coach Gilliam says, "They're probably the most physical team we'll face during the regular season. They have the size and strength to beat anybody."

Calera Next Week

Next Friday night Calera poses a real threat, considering they should have everybody healthy.

"The Eagles have been plagued by injury all year and have only recently gotten it all together," Coach Gilliam notes.

Former Player Coaches

Coach Ricky Cairns can be expected to have his team fired up for an upset of his coach, MHS's Coach Gilliam.

Cairns was captain of two Calera squads under Coach Gilliam when he was at that school and later assisted him during the '71 season.

Coach Gilliam adds, "He is probably the best captain I've ever had and shows true leadership. I know he'd hate losing to me, and I sure wouldn't enjoy losing to him."

Chelsea Tops Juniors 12-6

Chelsea junior team defeated MHS's junior squad 12-6 last week.

The Hornets took the lead early, driving 60 yards to score in the first period. They remained ahead until just before halftime when Edd Green scored on a 55-yd. pass from Derek Stewart.

Halftime score was 6-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Hornets drove 58 yards in the final period to win.

Coach Richard Gilliam named Green and Alvin Connell as defensive standouts for Montevallo.

Shelby County Champs--

Girls Win Volleyball Title

MONTEVALLO'S VOLLEYBALL SQUAD became county champs Oct. 2 for a second straight year at the Shelby County Tournament held at Pelham.

In the first round of play they drew a bye; and Nan Jones led the scoring against Pelham High in a 15-8, 10-15, 15-9 match for their initial appearance.

The Thompson Warriors were the 'Dogs' next opponent. Suzanette Campbell was top scorer in the three-game match which ended 15-10, 9-15, and 12-10. The last score was decided by the 8-minute playing period ruling.

HERE'S HOW!
Nan Jones demonstrates her serving form to volleyball teammate Suzanette Campbell. Both scored high in tournament wins.

6 County Games Set

County football games on tap for tonight are:
Winterboro at Montevallo
Childersburg at Shelby
McAdory at Thompson
Vincent at West Blocton
Verbena at Calera
Chelsea at Billingsley
Pelham at Thorsby

Thompson Again

Thompson then moved to a double elimination game where they won, putting them against the MHS squad in the finals.

The 'Dogs won the first game 13-11 at the end of the 8-minute period and then finished the match with a 15-9 score to hold on to the county crown.

Earlier Matches

In games played before the county contest MHS defeated Indian Springs 15-5 and 15-12 and Chelsea 15-9 and 17-15. Linda Chism led scoring in the IS match.

Last Week's Games

Montevallo defeated Thompson again last week 15-3, 15-13, 15-9 match. Campbell was top scorer.

The MHSers also claimed a 15-2, 15-10 victory over Vincent.

6 More Games

The champs have six games remaining before the district meet, Oct. 30.

Oct.	11	Bibb County	T
	14	Shelby Co.	T
	19	Pelham	H
	21	Ind. Springs	H
	26	Chelsea	T
	27	Bibb Co.	H

Bulldog Growls--

Ross Fills Utility Man's Role

By Greg Hardin

AN UNSUNG HERO at MHS has got to be senior Tim "Bull" Ross, named so by the football team because when he runs the "pigskin," he doesn't dart out of the way of anybody; instead, he just knocks down anything or anybody in his path or drags it with him.

Stories are written about great fullbacks, linebackers and tackles. Tim has shown he can excel in any of these roles.

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "A college should be looking at Tim. He lacks some quickness, but he could develop that if he wants it bad enough."

TIM ROSS
A "Ready" Man

Coach also commented, "With Tim's attitude and his willingness to play where he is needed, he will go places with whatever he does. He is truly a team player. He has proven this by the spirit he has shown when he has been shifted from position to position as the need arises."

Ribbon Sales Pay for Markers

Last Friday night new sideline markers brightened MHS's stadium. They were purchased from profits made from the spirit ribbons sold each Friday by four senior girls.

Pricipal W. C. Corbett observes. "The markers helped everyone keep up with the game better."

Pressbox announcer Bob Lightfoot agrees and expressed thanks to Anita Dailey, Connie Goggins, Cindy Smitherman, and Glenda Smitherman for purchasing the needed items.

According to Anita the markers cost approximately $200. "Any further profits will be used to purchase something else the school needs," she says.

Girls Build Muscle

Moans and groans coming from PE classes recently were the result of an exercise test on pushups, where the girls had to do 30 for a grade of "A."

"The reason for requiring this was to build arm and shoulder strength," Coach Dot Bishop explains.

Ross Shines at Fullback--

McCarey Hurt as 'Dogs Win 26-18

DEPENDING ON A TALENTED BENCH, the Bulldogs dropped the Jemison Panthers 26-18, Oct. 1 at Jemison. Injuries hit the 'Dogs early in the game, giving Kevin Hughes, back-up quarterback, a chance to direct the MHSers as they ripped the Panther defense for 378 yards. Both Terry McCarey, quarterback, and Shane Connell, left the game in the first quarter with injuries.

Thomas Brown led the rushing attack with 154 yards; and Tim Ross, coming from strong tackle to fullback when injuries set in, turned 12 attempts into 90 yards.

McCarey Scores

Scoring began midway in the first period as Terry McCarey went in from one-yard out after his screen to Brown had covered 59 yards. McCarey ran the two-point conversion.

Jemison went ahead 12-8 in the first quarter, scoring on a 3-yd. run by Howey McNeil and a 63-yd. pass from Steve Cobb to Frank Sazera.

Ross Rambles

Strong running by Ross, who covered 50 yards of the 62-yd. touchdown drive, set up the one-yd. TD plunge by the hefty fullback.

Another 47-yd. pass by Cobb, this time to Terry Robinson, put Jemison out front again 18-14.

Brown Gets TD

But in the fading moments of the half, Brown went in from the two, to give the 'Dogs the lead for keeps at halftime.

Both defenses cracked down in the second half, and only one touchdown was scored after intermission.

Brown made his second TD for the night, driving over from the seven. He then threw to Craig Van Valkenburg for the two-points to end the scoring.

Birds Attract MHS Hunters

"Bird watching" has become quite a fad with several students since dove season opened Sept. 18.

Senior Steve Langston says he has been hunting "several times and killed about 50 dove since the season started." Junior Greg Hardin boasts that in two outings he has killed the limit, which is 12, both times. Others who can tell of their feats are Barry Kornegay and John Merijanian.

Even more sportsmen will be oiling guns now for rabbit and squirrel season opens today.

Coaches Work On Co-op Plan

Special ed teacher and head basketball coach Kurt Pnazek has added a P. E. class to his schedule.

He and Coach Richard Gilliam teach the special ed and regular 6th period P. E. classes together.

According to Mr. Pnazek the idea of putting the special ed students into normal class activities is called "mainstreaming."

"This is a change for the special ed students, and it works out well for Coach Gilliam and me for we each have more time for school athletics," he says

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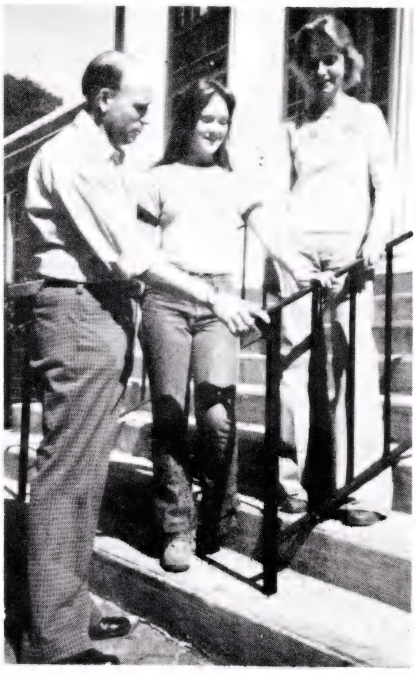

CHECK THIS OUT

Teacher and '56 alumnus Doug Morris, senior attendant Paula Guthrie and Amy Knowles, homecoming queen, point out features of renovation which alumni will find tonight.

Every Day Is Different--

Spirit Builds for Homecoming

ALUMNI, FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND RELATIVES gather today for MHS Homecoming '76. Festivities for the event began Monday with Spirit Week sponsored by the Student Council. Students have participated in hat day, fifties day, and Halloween day this week and are dressed in orange and blue today for color day.

LAST NIGHT the traditional pep rally and bonfire kicked off homecoming. A pep rally is also scheduled for this afternoon.

'Dogs Play Blocton

At 7:30 tonight the Bulldogs meet West Blocton in a major area football game. The Troubadours will present special pre-game and halftime features.

During tonight's ceremonies senior Amy Knowles will be crowned queen.

Her attendants are senior Paula Guthrie, junior Debbie Cottingham, sophomore Gay Perkins, and freshman Fredia Thrift.

Students Choose

Queen and court were elected by the students.

After the game the SC will have a dance, which features the theme "Dream Weaver," in the auditorium. The Natural Explosion from Birmingham will be playing from 10:00 to 12:00. The alumni tea will be held at the same time in Room 106.

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Time to Switch

Central Standard Time officially begins at 12:00 midnight, Oct. 30.

Clocks and watches will be set back an hour then giving MHSers one extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning.

Schools Observe Veterans Day

Schools will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.

Recently Shelby County Schools have been closing on the Monday before the holiday, but this year the actual date of the event will be observed.

Band Will Compete in Florida

AFTER PLAYING FOR Thursday night's bonfire, today's pep rally, and tonight's pre-game ceremonies and the halftime show, Troubadours pack their instruments and uniforms to leave for Florida at 5:00 a.m. tomorrow.

They will participate in the Ft. Walton Beach Marching Festival at Choctawhatchee High School, at 4:00 p.m. the same day.

"I think with all the work the band has been doing, we have an even better chance than ever at making a superior rating," predicts director Jim Weese.

Thirty-five other bands have also entered the contest. The MHS group competes in Class B.

10th Grade Leads In Attendance

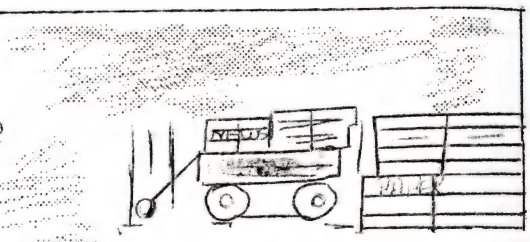
Sophomores have led in attendance for the first two months of school. Mr. Charles Martin's homeroom had 99.5% of the group attending the first month while Miss Jennifer Jones' class had the best attendance last month with a 98.9% average.

Other groups with top attendance were those in the homerooms of Mrs. Joanna McGaughy, Mr. David Nichols, and Mrs. Barbara Belisle.

Total enrollment for last month was 446 students; daily attendance averaged 430.

It's News Downtown--

Offices Trade Buildings



State Farm Insurance and The Shelby News Monitor swapped locations Oct. 9. The Monitor office is now on Middle Street while the insurance agency is located on Main Street.

According to a State Farm spokesman the move was to give the insurance office more space.

Tomorrow will be the final day of the paper drive sponsored by the University of Montevallo Social Work Club. The number to call for paper pickups to help the "Project Santa Claus" is 665-2521.

The Shelby County Area Vocational Center Hero chapter is conducting a drive to collect usable maternity clothes and infant wear for the "Stork Nest."

Club members will wash and repair clothing before placing them in the clothes closet located at the Department of Pensions and Security in Columbiana.

Those with donations should contact MHS representative Nikita Brown.

Mr. Joe Dean recently resigned as head of the Shelby County Board of Education.

Remaining Board members must select a new chairman before Dec. 1 according to state law.

Thursday South Central Bell's Montevallo office on 158 Valley Street held Open House. The event was to celebrate 100 years of service.

Refreshments and souvenirs were provided.

14 Earn A's in Everything--

Classes Tie in Marks' Race

Senior and freshmen classes had the most all-A students when first six weeks report cards were issued Oct. 15. Seven students in each of these classes made 90 or above in all subjects.

Seniors scoring top grades were Lynne Davis, Connie Goggins, John Klemenc, Amy Knowles, Pam Pendleton, Amy Williams, and Ricky Williams.

Anita Bell, Tod Beers, Jennifer Dailey, Ann Klemenc, Belinda Morris, Fredia Thrift, and Edna Williams are the freshmen scholars.

Sophomores and junior classes also tied--both had five members with all-A's. They are sophomores Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Shawn Spicer, Monique Van Landingham, and Marsha Zahumensky; and juniors Sandra Boothe, Kathy Glosson, Greg Hardin, Mary Sherrer, and Mary Wyatt.

Band Takes Part in Jamboree

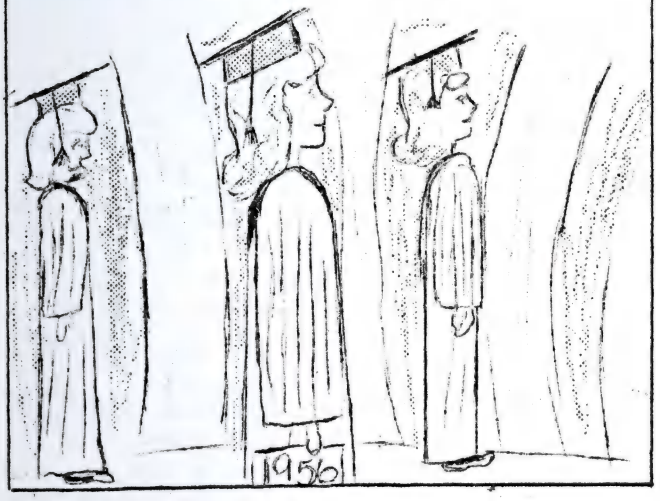
Last Saturday night the Troubadours joined six other bands in the second annual Shelby County Marching Band Jamboree at Thompson High School.

Other bands participating in the show were: Calera, Chelsea, Pelham, Shelby County, Thompson, and Vincent.

The total raised at the event is divided among the marching groups. MHS's portion of advance tickets and gate proceeds was $1,100 according to director Jim Weese. Each performing band also received a plaque of appreciation.

The event is sponsored by band booster clubs of each school in Shelby County.

Welcome, Class of '56!



Fight Song Boosts Team

In past years MHSers have joined in and sung "Orange and Blue" when the band played the Bulldog fight song.

Here are the lyrics so everyone can sing as the Troubadours play this tune at homecoming activities:

Orange and blue, boys,
We're gonna' win!
Fight to the finish;
Never give in--Rah! Rah! Rah!
You do your best, boys;
We'll do the rest, boys;
Fight for old MHS.

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Homecoming to Honor Grads

HOMECOMING is a time to welcome back and give special recognition to the alumni of the school. However, it cannot be a success without the graduates returning.

In the past few years, the number of returning alumni has dropped. Is the MHS spirit disappearing?

Hopefully, with a newly remodeled school, former students will once again return in anticipation of seeing the improvements and conjuring up memories of the past together. Perhaps they will gaze into the trophy cases and see the reflection of their years at MHS.

Every student should strive to understand and carry out the meaning of homecoming. After all, we shall expect a welcome in return after we have graduated. Therefore, as we think about the purpose of homecoming and look forward to the day when we shall return as alumni, we, students and staff of MHS, warmly welcome back alumni at Homecoming '76

Voting Day Ahead

TUESDAY is the day for which all America has been waiting. It is election day. Presidential candidate debates are over, and most Americans have decided how they will vote.

According to Our American Government and Political System, 45% of the registered voters did not vote in the 1972 presidential election.

To help avoid this happening again, SPOTLIGHT urges all MHS voters to go to the polls and those not old enough to vote to urge parents, friends, and relatives to cast their ballots at the polls Nov. 2.

Letter Gets Results

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank those who took notice of our letter asking children not to play in our cheering area at the football games.

The problem has been greatly improved, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,
Cheerleaders

Welcome Alumni!

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To Select New Fashions--

Twins to Attend Fashion Show

SENIOR HOMECOMING ATTENDANT Paula Guthrie and twin sister Pam have a busy weekend ahead, for in addition to homecoming festivities, they leave for a trip to the Atlanta Market Sunday.

The girls will attend the market to choose new merchandise for Montevallo's Elizabeth Shop where they are presently employed. Shop owner Elizabeth Meyers and Mrs. Lou Dell Lagrone will accompany the girls to Georgia.

Select Stock for Shop

The MHS cheerleaders will view and choose a variety of clothes, jewelry, and purses for the store from the new designs presented in fashion shows there. According to Pam they may also be selected to model at the Market. The twins have modeled at local events and say they enjoy working with new fashions.

Pam attended the Birmingham Fashion Market last year; but she excitedly says, "It won't begin to compare to this one in Atlanta."

Chooses a Career

After working almost three years in the Montevallo store, Pam has decided to make a career of retail merchandising.

However, Paula says, "I am still undecided about my future plans; but I hope this trip will help me decide if I like this type of work."

The twins have also worked at Meyer's Men's Store in Pelham.

Pam says that she found working there quite different from working at a ladies shop.

"I sometimes caught myself saying, 'that looks darling or precious on you,' when the customer was a man," she laughs.

Pairs Will Pose

Pictures of couples will be made at tonight's homecoming dance. The cost is $5 per packet and must be paid at the dance.

Waldrup Studios of Birmingham will furnish the photographer.

Dreamland Invites Dancers Tonight

Decorations from fairy tales and fantasy land will set the mood for tonight's "Dream Weaver" homecoming dance. The Natural Explosion form Birmingham will play.

A castle, a dragon, and a lily pond are among the fanciful adornments created for the event.

We got the ideas from the theme, "Dream Weaver," so most of the auditorium decorations revolve around dreams or fairy tales," explains decoration chairman Pam Pendleton.

At Homecoming Tonight--

'56 Class Schedules Reunion

MEMORIES OF PAST HIGH SCHOOL DAYS will be recalled tonight as the MHS senior class of 1956 reunites at Homecoming '76.

Their thoughts should return to Homecoming '56 when Gayle Jones was homecoming queen and her court consisted of Faye Tillery and Rue Lane Peters.

At the homecoming game that year the Bulldogs defeated Jemison 40-7 on a soggy field after heavy rains destroyed homecoming floats and brought an end to the parade earlier in the day.

The 56ers will probably recall that their class colors were red and white and the senior play was "George Washington Slept Here."

Officers for the '56 class were Bobby Wilson, president; Steve Haley, vice president; Jane Nichols, secretary; and Sigrid Lund, treasurer. Miss Vinnie Lee Walker was class sponsor; Mr. S. H. Hurt was principal.

Class members who were cheerleaders are Anita Flynt, Gayle Jones, and Jane Nichols.

MHS's "new look" since renovation will probably make top conversation.

Mr. Doug Morris, MHS's present math teacher, was a member of the '56 class.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Awed for a moment by the announcement that she'd won, homecoming queen Amy Knowles takes it in stride and joins the band in its next number at the pep rally for the upcoming game.

As MHS Homecoming Queen--

Today Belongs to Amy

Senior Amy Knowles reigns over '76 homecoming festivities today. She was chosen queen by popular vote of the student body last week. "I'm very surprised to be MHS queen, but I'm honored to have won the run-off," beams Amy.

The green-eyed senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knowles of Montevallo. She attends the Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Takes Part in Activity

Amy is involved in numerous activities at school. These include Student Council and National Honor Society. She is first chair clarinet player in the marching band, vice president of the senior class, and president of the Spanish Club.

Likes to Read

Amy's hobbies are reading and marching in the band with the Troubadours.

The petite blonde's plans for after high school are to attend the University of Montevallo for one year then finish her education at Auburn University.

Classes Choose Queen's Court

Four girls, elected by the students, compose Amy Knowles's royal court for homecoming.

Head cheerleader Paula Guthrie is senior attendant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Guthrie. Besides for her activities on the cheerleading squad, Paula is co-editor of SPOTLIGHT, a member of Quill and Scroll and the chorus.

Junior Debbie Cottingham will represent her class. She is secretary of HERO chapter at the vocational center, treasurer of the pep club, and in the afternoons she teaches at the Day Care Center in Calera.

Debbie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cottingham.

Sophomores elected Gay Perkins as the 10th grade representative. Gay, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Perkins, participates in chorus, student council, and Spanish club.

In addition, Gay plays the flute for the marching Troubadours.

Fredia Thrift, daughter of Mrs. Patricia Barns, is the 9th grade member of the homecoming court. She is a junior cheerleader and a member of FHA.

These girls will share the spotlight with the queen in a pregame ceremony.

THE ROYAL COURT

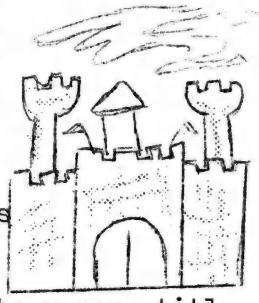
Attendants to the homecoming queen are (l to r) Debbie Cottingham, Gay Perkins, Fredia Thrift, and Paula Guthrie.

MHSers Choose to Dream--

Homecoming Reflects Times

This year's homecoming theme, "Dream Weaver," is the title of a popular song by Garyy Wright.

Each year the Student Council sponsors a contest to select a catchy phrase which is used during Spirit Week and in decorations. Junior Leslie Davis submitted this year's winning entry.



Throughout the years various other themes for the annual event have also been song titles or slogans which emphasized something that was happening at that particular time.

Election Provides Theme

An interesting theme was "Election '68," which was used in 1968 for that year was the time of the presidential election as is this year.

Last year's theme, "Turning the Wheels of Time," was appropriate as MHS was being renovated.

Moods Furnish Ideas

Some other themes from the past are "Happy Days Are Here Again" (1957), "Outasite" (1969); "Color Your World" (1971), "Happiness Is" (1974), "Blast Off -- Destination Moon" 1959), and "Let's Show Spirit" (1964).

"Forward, MHS" was the slogan in 1955-56, the homecoming year for the class that is holding its reunion tonight.

Students See College Work

Art classes picked up some tips on clay molding when they toured the University of Montevallo art department recently. The group also learned about cooking the molded clay.

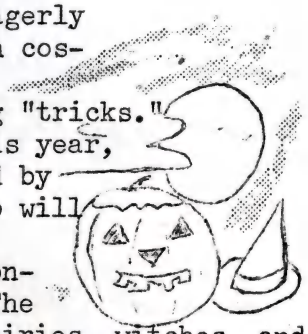
The University students invited the classes back to see the finished clay products later.

According to teacher Ann Parker the group will make several more trips to the UM campus for various art showings and displays this year.

Tricks and Treats Are Ready--

Children Prepare for Holiday

Halloween is a time youngsters eagerly await, for they can then dress up in costumes and masks to attend carnivals and receive "treats" for not playing "tricks."



Since Oct. 31 falls on Sunday this year, many MHSers will probably be greeted by younger neighbors tomorrow night who will be out "trick or treating."

In ancient days, Halloween was connected with many superstitions. The Druids believed ghosts, spirits, fairies, witches, and elves came out to harm people at this time of the year.

They also believed cats were sacred and were once humans that had been turned to animals for doing evil deeds.

However, through the years as some began to play harmless pranks, it evolved into the American holiday it is today.

Added features through the years include bobbing for apples, telling fortunes and ghost stories, cutting jack-o-lanterns, and decorating with black cats, ghosts, and witches for a carnival spirit.

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W E L C O M E A L U M N I !

HOMECOMING IS HAPPINESS

By Regina Harbour

H alloween trick on West Blocton with a Bulldog victory
O ld friends getting together at the alumni tea
M ums to wear to the game and dance
E xcitement and tears over the football game
C heering for the team until one gets hoarse
O range and blue spirit ribbons
M H S Troubadours presenting a pre-game show
I ntroducing the homecoming queen and her court
N ight that couples attend the "Dream Weaver" dance
G o! Bulldogs!

School Colors Have Meaning

By Regina Harbour

EVERY SCHOOL HAS ITS COLORS, and MHS is no different. ORANGE and BLUE represent Montevallo High--and for very appropriate reasons.

BLUE is a primary color symbolizing truth, unwavering loyalty, and faithfulness. The bold color ORANGE stands for strength and endurance.

The meaning of these colors describes MHS's football team and school spirit well, for the Bulldogs and fans are truly loyal to MHS, and the various athletes certainly possess strength and endurance.

Since ORANGE and BLUE are used more than ever at homecoming, it is an interesting coincidence that the game falls so close to Halloween when ORANGE and black are predominant decorative colors.

Perhaps so much ORANGE displayed this weekend, both for homecoming and Halloween activities, will be a sign of good luck for the Bulldogs tonight.

ORANGE-BLUE; LOYALTY-STRENGTH!

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Play Is Planned

"The Little Match Girl" will be presented by the dramatics club for their Christmas production.

There are approximately twenty characters in the play according to club sponsor Barbara Belisle.

Mrs. Belisle says she hopes to do the play either Dec. 16 or 17 during school hours.

The script booklets were ordered Oct. 15 for $35 and should be here in about two weeks. "Tryouts will be held soon after the books arrive," says Mrs. Belisle.

MHSer Shares Famous Name

Even though all Americans know the name Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Carter is an even more well-known name at MHS.

Senior James Maxwell Carter, named after his father, lives in Aldrich and has always attended Montevallo Schools.

Jimmy says the only unusual thing that has happened to him since Carter won the nomination "was when I signed the guest list at the Falcon Theatre they couldn't believe that Jimmy Carter was really my name."

Jimmy reveals that even though he has such a famous Democratic name, he's pulling for Republican President Gerald Ford.

"I'll really just be glad when the whole thing is finally over," he concludes.

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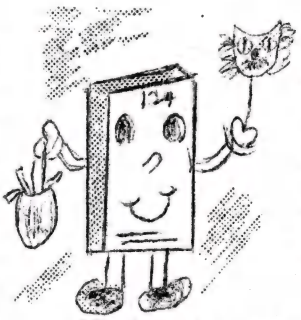
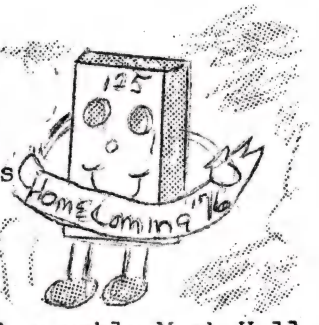
Falling Drawers Become Joke



Goblins and witches
Are coming around,
And most everyone
Is homecoming bound.
The spirit of success
Is in the air;
Everyone's laughing
Without a care.



While juniors Jerry McDermott and Alan Phillips were moving filing cabinets, the drawers began to open. Classmate Alan Stano quickly yelled, "Watch out! Your drawers are falling."

The college prep English class was discussing paragraph topics when Mrs. Frances Anthony asked senior Luann Connor what her paper was about.

"Riding horses bareback," said Luann.

When Mrs. Anthony asked her to explain the topic more thoroughly, Mark Hall piped, "You know, riding a horse without a shirt on."

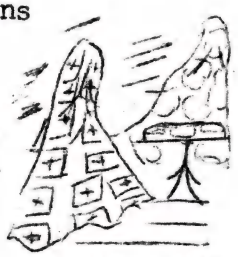
Junior Mike Beers asked freshman Ann Klemenc, "Do you know something good about you?"

When Ann said, "No," Mike quipped, "You don't either, huh?"

Mrs. Frances Anthony asked her students if they got a well rounded diet from the books they read.

Senior Glenn Blackmon's quick response was, "I'm starved."

Club Serves Varied Interests



Activities from quilting to discussions will occupy three groups of members of Lively Arts during activity periods.

Mrs. Pauline Harrison will direct one group as they begin patchwork quilts and cathedral patterned pillows. Other members will be busy making wall hangings, plaques, etc. to be used at MHS. And a third section will discuss book reviews, poems, movies, etc.

"We have a large group and only a little time to work during club meetings so we must be organized to make it a meaningful activity that will also be fun," remarks sponsor Ann Parker.

City Receives Swine Flu Shot

Approximately 460 people received swine flu vaccine at MHS Oct. 18. The vaccine was distributed free by the State Health Department.

Nine MHS volunteers, along with adult workers from the community, aided the health officials.

MHSers donating their time were Jeff Barrow, Lynne Davis, Cindy Holsombeck, Amy Knowles, Pam Pendleton, Linda Sims, Tim Whitfield, and Betsy Hood.

UM Sends Teachers

Eight student teachers from UM reported to work at MHS Oct. 21.

The UM students join MHS teachers in classroom activities as they prepare for careers in education. They will be at MHS until Dec. 15.

Their UM supervisors are Mrs. Eleanor Johnston and Mr. Frank Lightfoot.

Program Planned

Next Friday juniors and seniors will listen to representatives from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy.

These recruiters will explain their branches of the service and serve as a panel to answer questions.

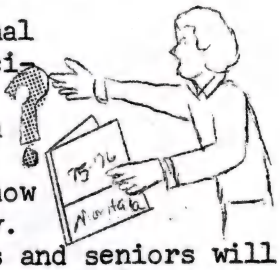
Mrs. Frances Anthony, guidance counselor, says, "We hope some service women will come along to talk to the girls."

Half Day Changed

The half day originally scheduled for Nov. 4 has been changed to Nov. 18.

The second meeting of the Shelby County Teachers Association will be held then at Shelby High.

NHS to Show Yearbook Film



National Honor Society will present a yearbook slides show Wednesday.

Juniors and seniors will attend an assembly during first period and freshmen and sophomores will see the program second period.

Montevallo Middle School teacher Emily Pendleton, who is senior Pam Pendleton's mother, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Pendleton is a former MONTALA adviser and National Honor Society sponsor.

Yearbooks can be ordered after the show for $8, to be collected later.

Sheriff Visits Class

Tuesday Sheriff C. P. Walker spoke about his job and law enforcement during the second period democracy class. His speech related to recent studies of the group.

"We are planning on having a number of speakers this year to talk about government," explains Mr. Nichols, democracy teacher.

'Bachelors' Study Relationships

Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins's bachelor living class is concluding a study of family relationship and personal and human development. The group has discussed various aspects of masculinity and femininity.

In a visit to the class last week, Mrs. Humphrey Mike, from Planned Parenthood, explained the causes and symptoms of venereal disease and told how to receive treatment. She said VD has now reached epidemic proportion in the United States.

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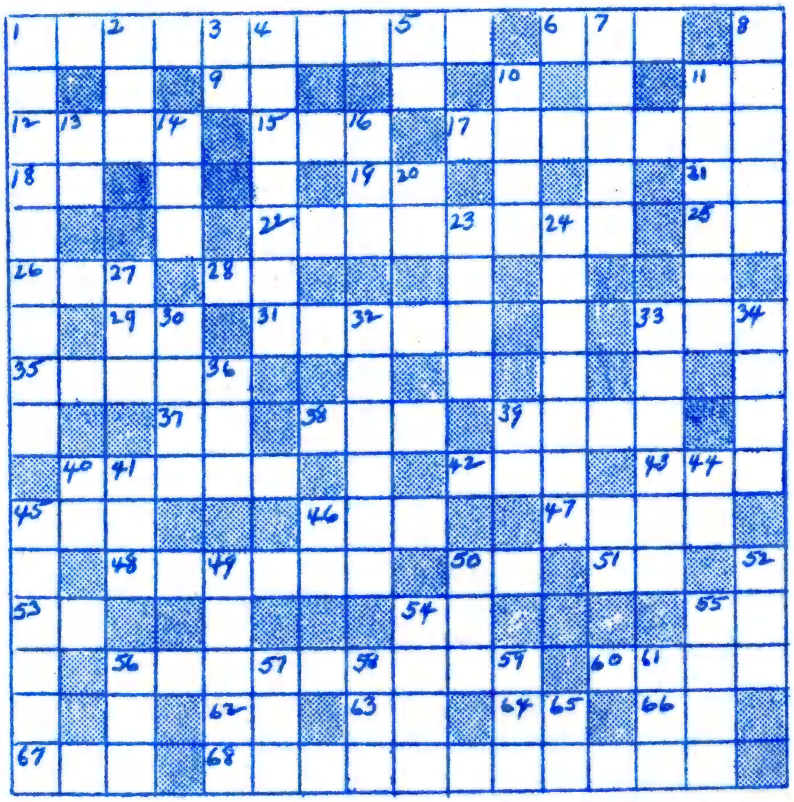

ALUMNI!

A Bulldog Football Teaser

By Becky Lesley

ACROSS

1. Today at MHS
6. Package: abbr.
9. Master of Ceremony: abbr.
11. Louisiana: abbr.
12. Good fortune
15. Beverage
17. Tonight's opponent
18. Lieutenant: abbr.
19. Pound: abbr.
21. Touchdown: abbr.
22. MHS team
25. Form of to be
26. Victory
28. To exist
29. Exclamation
31. Queen's flowers
33. Insect
35. _____ John
37. Pronoun
38. Same as 26
39. Disturbance
40. Wears crown
42. Opposite of nay
43. United States Mail: abbr.
45. Pints: abbr.
46. Petroleum
47. Homecoming flowers
48. Queen's date
50. Father
51. Tin: abbr.
53. Right: abbr.
54. To live
55. Opposite of Ma
56. Score
60. _____ line
62. Radium: abbr.
63. Form of to be
64. Opposite of off
66. United States: abbr.
67. Consume
68. Marching _____

DOWN

1. Sunday
2. Man's nickname
3. Centimeter: abbr.
4. This month
5. Opposite of yes
7. Punts
8. Musical groups
10. Margarine 11. Cream
13. Utah: abbr.
14. Relations
16. Everyone
20. Bale: abbr.
21. Suffix
23. Student's chair
24. MHS's head coach
27. Adverb
30. Abode
32. Pep
33. Fall
34. Bulldog squad
36. Born
39. Do, ___, mi
40. Quart: abbr.
41. Act of using
44. Steamship: abbr.
45. A procession
46. Conjunction
49. Attendants
50. Bench
52. Buddy
54. Long pass
55. A throw
56. Small child
57. Automobile
58. Daughter: abbr.
59. Head movement
61. Pronoun
65. Negative

Bulldog Growls--

State Playoffs Could Affect Basketball

By Randy Beers

A WIN IN TONIGHT'S homecoming game will send the Bulldogs to the state AA playoffs. It would also affect the 'Dogs upcoming basketball season.

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Four state playoff games would run into basketball season, causing those athletes who go out for both sports to be late signing in for basketball.

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"It will shorten preparation time and may cause us to look unorganized," says Coach Kurt Pnazek. "But I'm all for the trip to state," he reassures.

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Coach Pnazek says basketball practice for non-football players will begin right after homecoming. There will be no cuts until all athletes have had a chance to practice.

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Returning varsity who would be affected by a trip to state in football include Thomas Brown, Terry McCarey, Sidney Fields, and Maurice Reed.

Get 53-22 Area Win--

'Dogs Handle Winterboro Easily

WINTERBORO CAME TO PLAY; but when Montevallo's Bulldogs went to work on them, the visitors knew they were in for more than a game of tag.

Only one and one-half minutes had passed before MHS was out front 8-0, and from there on it was Montevallo all the way for a 53-22 victory Oct. 15.

4 TD's for Brown

Tailback Thomas Brown led the way, scoring four touchdowns. Playing in only the first half, Brown scored three times on runs of 8, 9, and 34 yards and once on a 25-yd. pass from quarterback Terry McCarey.

Chuck Reynolds added another 6 pointer in the first half on a 9-yd. dash. With a 2-point conversion by Tim Ross and three PAT kicks by Billy Belisle, halftime score was 35-0.

Reserve Unit Shines

Reserves, or the "ready" team as Coach Richard Gilliam has labeled them, came in after intermission to finish up the game with 18 points of their own.

Reynolds scored a second time on a 9-yd. run; and Kevin Hughes, quarterback, got the other TD's for the 53-22 win.

Winterboro quarterback Danny Whitson ran for 9 yards and passed to Paul Garrett for 30 and 46 yards for the losers' three TD's --all coming in the second half.

"By playing as many men as we did, we found some more ready to play," says Coach Gilliam who had only praise for his team which ran its record to 5-1.

Around the County--

County Hosts 5 Games Tonight

Five of Shelby County's seven teams will be playing on home ground tonight. Here's the picture of tonight's action.

West Blocton at MHS
Verbena at Pelham
Jemison at Shelby County
Thompson at B.B. Comer
Vincent at Childersburg
Maplesville at Calera
Talladega County Training School at Chelsea

Thompson, Shelby County powerhouse, remained undefeated with a 41-22 area win over Sylacauga in 3A competition last week.

Other scores around the county were:
MHS 26--Calera 6
Vincent 35--Shelby Co. 19
B.B. Comer 35--Pelham 6
Marion 20--Chelsea 0

Special Flowers Show Spirit

At the homecoming game tonight 91 mums will be displayed by Bulldog fans. Journalism students sold the corsages for the homecoming festivities.

Pelham Florist created the design of a blue "M" in the center of a yellow mum with accents of orange and blue ribbon.

Those people who ordered mums can pick them up this afternoon in Room 204.

A LOT OF LEADERSHIP!

Captains for tonight's game are (front, l to r) Dennis Brown, Johnny Williams, Maurice Reed, Kenneth Jones, Freddie Thompson, Ronnie Hale, Jimmy Lee Tally. (Back) Randy Beers, Craig Van Valkenburg, Tim Ross, Thomas Brown, Shane Connell, and Billy Belisle.

Bulldogs, State Contender?--

To Be or not to Be--Tonight Tells

By Chuck Reynolds

TONIGHT'S HOMECOMING BOUT with West Blocton should be a real battle as the Tigers travel to MHS with memories of a 30 - 12 loss to the 'Dogs at their homecoming last year. The Tigers would like nothing better than spoiling Montevallo's special night in return.

Area Title at Stake

Following a long-time homecoming tradition at MHS, all seniors, plus three who will end their eligibility this year, will serve as captains for the Bulldogs tonight according to Coach Gilliam.

The MHS-West Blocton battle will decide the Area 7 representative to state playoffs. Montevallo can clinch the area title with a win; however, a loss to the Tigers would mean a three-way tie with Vincent, West Blocton, and the Bulldogs.

"This would probably give Blocton the trip," Coach Gilliam says, "since tie-breaking factors favor them."

TCTS Ends Season

Montevallo travels to Talladega County Training School next week in the final regular season game.

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Games on Film--

Camera Follows All the Action

History teacher Don Benton doesn't miss a play at football games for he films every move. He uses a Kodak Super 8 camera which the school purchased for this activity.

The Athletic Boosters pay to have the films developed at Action Club Lab in Birmingham.

Although Mr. Benton has had no previous experience with photography, Coach Richard Gilliam feels he does an excellent job.

"It's an invaluable service. We use the films to evaluate players and exchange them to scout other teams. We really appreciate his doing this," Coach Gilliam says.

"Filming the game is an important part of our program. For example, if one of our players is college material, the films of his performances are valuable to the college for possible scholarships," Mr. Benton notes.

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Chances Favor Bulldog Victory

MONTEVALLO HAS a better than .500 record for homecoming football over the past 20 years, with 10 wins, 9 losses, and 1 tie. And if past occurences are an indication, the Bulldogs should win tonight, for since 1956 they have played West Blocton twice as their homecoming opponent and have pulled off victories both times.

In 1972 Montevallo beat the Tigers 18-7 and in 1974 it was a 22-6 victory for the Bulldogs.

MHS's Richard Gilliam has been the opposing coach for two homecoming games. Both times his team defeated Montevallo. In 1963 his Verbena Red Devils crushed MHS

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Second Half Comeback Boosts Bulldogs By Calera

By Greg Hardin

WITH MEMORIES OF A 26-0 LOSS to Calera as freshmen, seniors Thomas Brown and Tim Ross sparked the Bulldogs to a 26-6 victory over the Eagles Friday at Calera.

In a tough defensive battle, Calera finally broke loose early in the second period on a 57-yd. drive led by Curtis Pearson and Tim Johnson. Johnson carried it in to score from the one.

'Dogs Come from Under

Down 6-0 at the half, the 'Dogs realized Calera was no pushover. Then it happened! On MHS's third possession, Ross broke off a 21-yd. ramble for the first TD and Billy Belisle kicked the extra point to put the Bulldogs ahead for good.

Montevallo scored again in the third period after Dennis Brown recovered a fumble on Calera's 21-yd. line. One quick pass from quarterback Terry McCarey to Belisle produced 6 more points.

Brown and Ross Score Again

Late in the fourth quarter Ross again "bulled" out eight yards for a touchdown. And finally, T. Brown, not to be held scoreless, went in from the 16 on the final possession. Belisle kicked the PAT.

T. Brown had 116 yards in 18 carries. Ross ran 20 times for a total of 98 yards.

Lettermen Sport Bulldog Jackets

Ten Bulldogs are sporting new football jackets with MHS symbols.

The jackets, which range in price from $36.10 to $38.45 are orange and blue with blue vinyl sleeves.

Each jacket contains the player's number on the left shoulder and a bulldog on the right.

The school letter on the front depicts sports in which the player has participated and shows how many years he has served on the varsity.

Classes Compete

Girls P. E. classes completed volleyball units with class tournaments to determine the best team in each section.

A tournament is now underway which pits the five championship teams against each other. Games are held after school when MHS olleyball team is not using the gym for practice.

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Volleyball Team Tries for District Title Tomorrow

Tomorrow the Bulldog volleyball squad goes to UAB in Birmingham to compete for the 5th District championship.

The 'Dogs will be competing in the A-AA classification, which will be grouped according to team records.

Competition Tough

According to Coach Dot Bishop, Montevallo is in for some stiff competition from the Jefferson County Schools in the event.

Still winning in regular season games, the MHS squad was led to victory two more times by junior Linda Chism.

Beat Bibb

The first win was over Bibb County in a 15-4, 12-15, and 15-11 match.

Next, the Bulldogs defeated Shelby County 15-6, 15-3.

Last week the MHSers dumped Pelham 15-8, 15-10 and Indian Springs 15-9, 15-2.

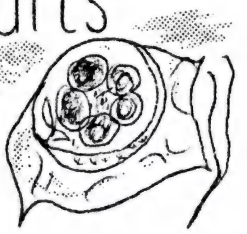
Monday the 'Dogs romped over Thompson 15-13 and 15-6 after losing a first match 9-15. Leading scorers were Susanette Campbell and Linda Chism.

Chances Favor 'Dogs-- (Cont'd)

21-6, and in 1965 he brought the Eagles from Calera over to down the 'Dogs 25-20.

Two outstanding homecoming wins for MHS were in 1958 --a 45-6 victory over Shelby--and in 1961--a 34-0 win from Calera. Other teams the Bulldogs have played in the last 20 years are Comer, Jemison, Maplesville, and Perry County. (Barry Harper)

Students to Finish Crafts



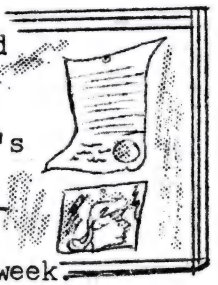
Home ec II students have almost completed a needlepoint and crewel embroidery project.

The two largest designs created are embroidery hangings done by sophomores Selena Davis and Tomysine Jackson.

Three male members of the class Micheal Gilbert, Patrick Sims, and Johnny Williams also took part in the activity.

"I enjoyed working on my plaque, but I discovered that needlepoint is a tiresome hobby," Johnny says.

Displays Made In US History



Students taking United States history in Mr. Danny Cooper's classes have been completing bulletin boards each week.

The displays must correspond with the subject or chapters being discussed that week.

Some areas that have been presented are National Newspaper Week, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution.

Army Offers Seniors Guidance

Seniors will soon receive a magazine entitled "Sourcebook," compliments of the U.S. Army, according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

The 72-page handbook discusses a wide variety of topics that range from answers to questions students have on graduation and future plans to articles on sports and adventure.

When the publication arrives, 12th graders will receive their copies from senior English teachers.

Knowles Leads Club

Senior Amy Knowles was selected president of the Spanish club at its first meeting this year.

Other officers are Lynne Davis, vice president; Gay Perkins, secretary, and Barry Kornegay, treasurer.

The club also made its plans for a trip to El Chico's at Brookwood Mall to sample Mexican Foods, Nov. 18.

Members of the club are present or former Spanish students; Mr. Dan Martin is sponsor.

Teachers Attend District Session

The District Home Economics meeting was held at MHS home ec building on Oct. 21.

Twenty teachers from Bibb, Chilton, and Shelby Counties attended the session to observe a film and take part in discussions.

Home ec classes helped teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins prepare for the meeting by cleaning the department and decorating bulletin boards.

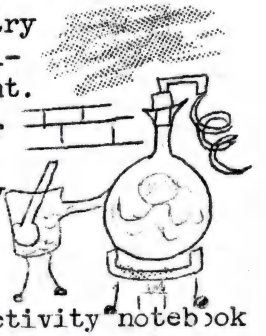
FHA officers Sandra Boothe, Sheila Brown, and senior Cheryl Staffney prepared and served refreshments.

Band Poses

Troubadours lined up on the front steps of Palmer Hall at the University of Montevallo Oct. 13 for the annual band picture.

Students can purchase prints made by Chuck King, photographer, $3 (5"x7"), or $5 (12"x12").

Class Visits Alabama's Chemistry Lab



Tuesday teacher Jim Hermecz's chemistry class went to Tuscaloosa to tour the University of Alabama's chemistry department.

"The main purpose of the trip was for students to get a look at the different things in the chemistry lab. Also, they have a film about the Periodic Table of Elements which we picked up to see in class," Mr. Hermecz notes.

Earlier the class completed a radioactivity notebook for extra credit. They also outlined different sections of the chapter on "Radioactivity" in their text.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Pictures, Festival Bring Smiles

School pictures were made Oct. 8 at Montevallo Elementary School. Delivery date was set for three weeks later.

The pictures should be in today according to Principal Doris Jeter.

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Mr. and Miss MMS will be crowned to kickoff the Fall Festival at Montevallo Middle School this morning at 8:30.

Later in the morning MHS's varsity cheerleaders will hold a special pep rally for the MMSers to help set the mood for homecoming and the holiday celebration.

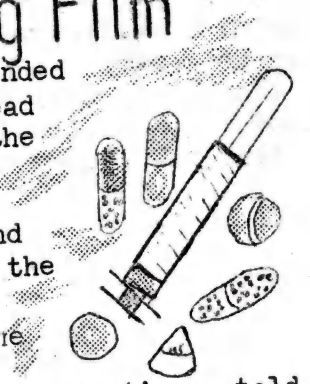
The festival, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., includes a cake walk, country store, fish pond, plant house, and various games.

The day's schedule also includes volleyball---matching women faculty against the girls' team.

School pictures are to be made Nov. 2 at MMS.

Youth Aid, Narcotics Bureau Help--

Students See Drug Film



Last Thursday English classes attended assemblies on drug abuse. A film "Dead Is Dead" was part of the program in the auditorium.

Two members of the Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau, Mrs. Kay Fowler and Mr. Larry Acton, and two agents from the Shelby County Narcotics Bureau Larry Edmundson and Wayne Watts spoke to the students.

Mr. Watts, who is deputy sheriff of narcotics, told students that they could call 669-2151 to turn in information pertaining to drug pushers. He assured the MHSers that the names of those who called would be held in strictest confidence.

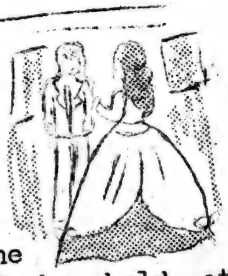
"The day on Drug Education and Abuse was planned due to the concern expressed by students, faculty, and parents for the welfare of MHS young people," explains guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Drivers Prepare

Seven MHSers attended driver training school in Columbiana four days last week. They are David Brantley, Jerry McDermott, Barry Harper, Wesley Bolling, Jeff Lucas, Barry Kornegay, and Greg Hardin.

A 12-hour course is required for bus drivers.

Junior-Senior Prom Set for Apr. 23 At Vestavia Motel

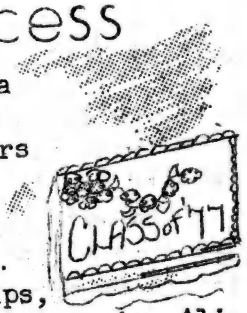


Juniors and seniors are already dreaming of prom night.

The date is set for Apr. 23. The affair will be held at Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Vestavia, and the Avery Richardson band from Birmingham will entertain.

"This is the first time that I've worked with the prom that we've been able to clear up our two biggest problems — where to have the prom and getting a band to satisfy everyone--this early in the year," says junior class sponsor Barbara Belisle.

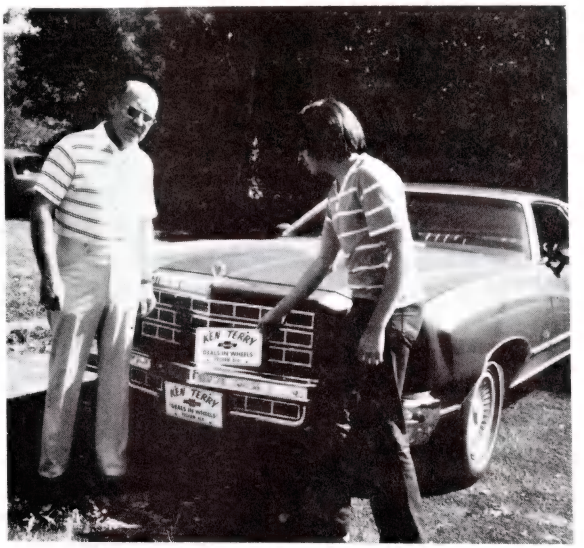
Seniors Say Party Success



Two weeks ago the senior class held a party at the UM lake house. "It was so much fun and great to see all the seniors together having a good time," comments senior Anita Dailey.

Popular music was "off the record," and refreshments of hotdogs, potato chips, and two large Class of '77 cakes baked by senior Alison Cole and Joni Van Valkenburg (MHS '76) were served.

"The party was such a success that we hope to have another soon, maybe on Nov. 9," says class president Craig Van Valkenburg.



IET'S TAKE A CRUISE

Driver's ed teacher Charlie Martin and student driver Kevin McCoy add another tag to the new Monte Carlo furnished the class by Ken Terry Chevrolet of Pelham.

Sixty-six pupils in the six driving classes will get a chance to get behind the wheel of the new auto.

(See story p. 2)

Drum Major, Majorettes Tops--

Band Rates No. 1

MONTEVALLO POLICEMEN ESCORTED the Troubadours and their three new trophies back to MHS on Oct. 31. The police met the band as they entered the city limits on a return trip from Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

Rate Superior

The band received a 1-1-1 rating for an overall superior score at the Miracle Strip Marching Band Festival. The majorettes and drum major also earned superior ranks, and the

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SPOTLIGHT

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Eat 'em up, Bulldogs!

AHSPA

NSPA All- American

Amy Knowles Earns Good Citizen Title

SENIOR AMY KNOWIES has been selected as this year's DAR Good Citizen of the David Lindsay Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was nominated by the class and then chosen by the faculty.

Classmate Craig Van Valkenburg was runnerup. Last year's winner was Nancy Nix.

MHS's DAR Good Citizen receives a pin and certificate and has a chance to go on to state and national competition.

"I'm honored to be selected for the award," Amy comments.

Vice president of the senior class, Amy recently was chosen homecoming queen by the student body. In addition, she is first clarinet in the band, a student council representative, president of the Spanish club, a National Honor Society member, and an office aide.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Amy Knowles, DAR good citizen who assists in the school office, makes her morning rounds which include distributing the day's announcement sheet to Mr. Dan Martin, English and Spanish teacher.

All-American Again--

'Spotlight' Earns NSPA Award

SPOTLIGHT HAS RECEIVED its 29th consecutive All-American rating from National Scholastic Press Association. The award is for the issues published during the second semester of last year. John Tishler, (MHS '76), was editor of the newspaper at that time.

On the scorebook judge B. Sorum wrote, "A fine job. It is definitely a top paper. It presents a clear picture of the school and students in a thoroughly professional way. The paper is very attractive."

Ratings are derived from a comparison of all the newspapers in a certain classification.

SPOTLIGHT received four marks of distinction and 4215 points, which is 415 points above first class.

Half Holiday Set

Next Thursday, Nov. 18, MHSers will be excused from school for a half-holiday.

Faculty members will go to Shelby County High for the second meeting of the Shelby County Teachers Association while students enjoy the afternoon.

Band, No. 1 - (Cont'd)

flag corps earned an "excellent rating.

Director Proud

"I was proud of the band and auxiliary groups. I thought they did one of their best shows," band director Jim Weese comments.

Out of the 37 bands to compete at the contest, 16 received straight 1's.

Judges were Dr. Johnny Long, Troy State University, Pete Crowder, Mississippi State University; and Pat Marrow, Homewood High School, Birmingham.

Grades Are Due

The second six weeks grading period ends next Friday. Report cards will be distributed the following Wednesday before students go home for Thanksgiving holidays.

Students Drive New Automobile

Sixty-six MHS students find the typical class routine of lectures and books omitted from driver's education. Approximately every two weeks they take their turn at riding in and then driving the new '77 Monte Carlo.

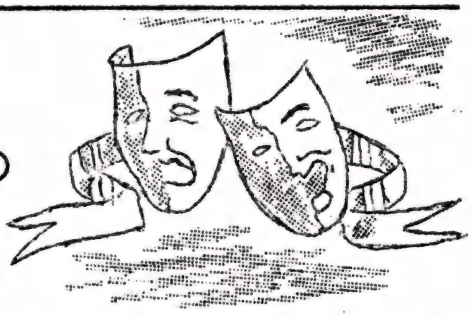
The bright red new car which is furnished by Ken Terry Chevrolet in Pelham features power disc brakes, power steering, and an AM radio.

The Chevrolet dealership has provided an auto for the class since it began ten years ago.

"Over the years Ken Terry Chevrolet has been one of our best supporters, not only in furnishing us a driver's car, but also by purchasing ads in football programs and yearbooks and supporting many other MHS activities," Principal W.C. Corbett states.

It's News Downtown--

UM Drama Group To Present Play



James Goldman's Lion in Winter will be presented by the University of Montevallo's drama department Nov. 19-20 at the Reynolds Theatre at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are $1.50 for reserved seats and $2 at the door. To reserve seats for the production, call 665-2521, ext. 254.

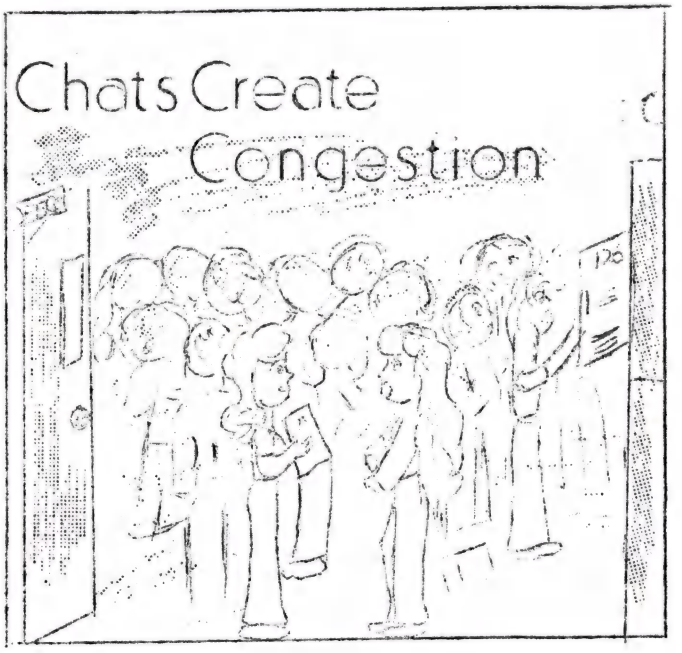
Vicki Portis and Kirk Montgomery were named Mr. and Ms. University of Montevallo at the school's Elite Night '76, Oct. 30.

The event was dedicated to Dr. Jan Eagles, a biology professor.

Montevallo First United Methodist Church will hold a Holiday Village Fair on Dec. 3.

The bazaar which begins at 10 a.m. will include a Christmas booth, plants, handmade toys, arts and crafts, a country kitchen, and a white elephant booth called "Grandma's Attic."

Two newly repainted signs brighten Main Street. Both the Dari Delite and Jolly Cholly restaurants have had their names in front of their businesses painted recently.



Jams Cause Confusion

This year the halls of MHS are particularly crowded. Many students who must go through the main corridor six times a day feel that much congestion could be cleared if people would only consider the other fellow.

When classes change, traffic sometimes comes to a complete standstill for a minute or two. Those people who chat with their friends seem to be a major cause of this problem. Others make it worse by walking in the center of the halls and slowing down.

Perhaps much of the confusion would be cleared if everyone stayed on their right when traveling to class. Those who must chat with their friends, trade books, or borrow paper could meet in the foyer where there is more room.

If all students would work together, many of these unnecessary delays, numerous tardies, and hall frustrations might be avoided.

Education Week, Book Week--

Nation Observes Yearly Events

Each year in November two weeks are set aside for special observances. Both commemorate aspects of learning. This week is National Children's Book Week, which is observed to promote the interest of young people in reading good books and to encourage use of libraries.

"Book Magic," a phrase which should help stimulate interest in reading, is this year's theme for Book Week, celebrated since 1919.

Next week is American Education Week. It was first observed in 1921 in order for all Americans to realize the importance of education. This year's theme is "The Schools Are Yours, Help Take Care of Them."

SC Earns Thanks

Homecoming '76 was a memorable occasion.

MHSers and alumni appreciated the well planned activities.

The student council and all who helped to make this an unforgettable event are commended for their efforts.

Teams Receive School's Support

The 1976 football season has been a tremendous success. The Bulldogs have posted their best record since 1960 when the Birmingham Post Herald declared the undefeated MHS team 2A champion.

In addition, the girls' volleyball team has had a winning year.

Now as both 'Dog squads enter state competiton, a second straight year, the student body and faculty wish the coaches and both teams continued success.

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In College Tuition--

Talent Pays off for MHSers

TWO 1976 MHS GRADUATES are using their talents to help finance their college education. They are Jan Corbett and Roger Moore, both students at Walker College in Jasper, Ala.

Jan recently received a music scholarship and has the leading role in "Gaslight," a musical production scheduled soon at Walker. She will sing a solo and two duets and play the piano as well in the play.

Roger, who was a standout on the MHS basketball team for two years, has a partial scholarship for this semester at Walker.

However, since he recently made Walker's basketball team, he will be on full scholarship next semester and move into the athletic dorm with the other team members.

Curry Students Visit, Observe 'Spotlight' Work

Fourteen visitors from Curry High School in Walker County attended classes with MHSers Oct. 28. The group is interested in starting their own school newspaper and wanted to observe MHS's journalism department.

In addition to sitting in on two journalism classes, the delegation met with SPOTLIGHT advisers Cathy Bearden and Susie DeMent and a group of SPOTLIGHT editors and reporters for a session on newspaper techniques.

They also ate lunch at MHS and toured the renovated building before learning how SPOTLIGHT is produced.

The group was accompanied by assistant principal James Hubbart and journalism teacher Vivian Quinn.

"Before they left, the students commented that they were impressed both by our school and SPOTLIGHT.

"They added that we have an extremely friendly student body," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

Williams Heads Club

Dramatics club members chose senior Ricky Williams as president at their last meeting.

Others named to office are Jeff Barrow, vice president, and Vonna Carson, secretary-treasurer.

Class Reunites After 20 Years

Twenty-two graduates of the class of '56 came from Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida for Homecoming '76, Oct. 29, to reunite with old friends after 20 years.

The classmates talked over old times at MHS, after sitting together at the MHS-Blocton game.

"The reunion was a big success, and there was a lot of old acquaintances," says math teacher Doug Morris, a '56 graduate.

The group made tentative plans for another reunion in five years.

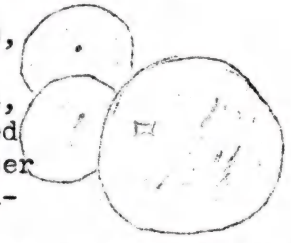
UAB to Give Show

The University of Alabama in Birmingham will present "The Atomic World" Nov. 23 in the auditorium.

The show will be performed on stage for the entire school at 10 a.m.

Volunteers from the audience will be asked to participate in activities.

FFA Sells Florida Fruit for 'Fun'



FFA MEMBERS ARE SELLING grapefruits, tangelos, and oranges from Florida to be delivered for Christmas. The fruit, which costs $6 a box, will be delivered Dec. 13 or 14. According to FFA adviser Tim Wiggins the group must sell a minimum of 900 boxes.

"We're going to use our earnings for a trip to Six Flags," Mr. Wiggins says. "Most FFAers around the state are selling them for other purposes, but we're using ours for an activity to give the boys a chance to know each other better," he observes.

"Selling the fruit has been fun, but I'm looking forward to our trip," says freshman Scott Vining.

Today is the final day to order the fresh fruit.

Next Tuesday the FFAers will have a hot dog supper at president Dennis Reid's pasture.

Anne Tolbert Lives with Music

Junior Anne Tolbert is surrounded by music seven days a week.

Anne is musician for three churches in Shelby County: Mt. Missionary Baptist in West Calera, Mt. Olive Wilton in Wilton, and Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in Almont.

Is Choir Director

Besides playing piano and organ for these churches, she is also director for three choirs and accompanist for two others.

In addition to her church work, Anne gives piano lessons after school. She lets her students play the type of music they like best.

Anne also plays the flute in MHS's band.

Mother Helps

"My mother has been a great help to me in the 12 years I've been involved with music.

"I've been playing the piano 12 years and began 'fooling around with' the organ three years ago. I've never had any organ lessons; I just learned how to play on my own," she explains.

"I'm glad I did, for I receive from $10 to $20 every Sunday for just hitting a few notes," says Anne.

Although she says she enjoys music, Anne's career plans are far removed --she hopes to become a psychiatrist.

PEP RALLY

Today--2:20 P. M.

In the Auditorium

Vocational Group Sells Card Plates

The Health Occupations Education Clubs of Alabama chapter at Shelby County Area Vocational Center sold metal engraved social security card plates recently.

MHS senior Barbara Kunkel earned the top sales honor. Her prize was a miniature first-aid kit.

The profits, totaling $280, will be used for club members to attend the annual HOECA convention in Huntsville, Feb. 19-20.

Club sponsor is Miss Phyllis Armstrong.

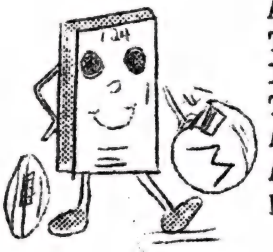
MHSers Buy Annuals

Approximately 275 students ordered MONTALAs last week at a special assembly at which Mrs. Emily Pendleton of Montevallo Middle School was guest speaker.

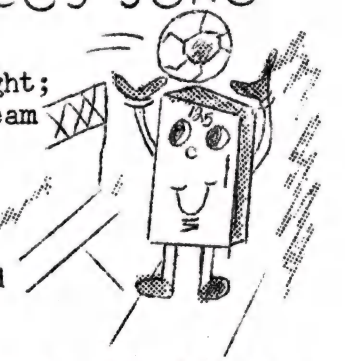
Mrs. Pendleton cited the basic reasons why everyone should buy yearbooks.

Locker Laughs - - -

Candy Pun Produces Joke



The area champs
Are playing tonight;
The volleyball team
Is Out-a-sight;
The Troubadours
Are doing swell
And students
Have lots of good
jokes to tell!



At band practice senior Alison Cole asked classmate Mark Hall if he would like a piece of Lions Club candy.

"We're giving it away for Halloween," she commented. Mark replied, "I bet everybody'll get a big roar out of that!"

Teacher Barbara Belisle stopped in the middle of a sentence as she stared at faces printed on junior Kirk Cunningham's shirt.

"Is that Al Green?" she asked. "No," replied junior Rudolph Reed, "That's just Kirk."

When he arrived in journalism class, senior Glenn Blackmon announced, "I've got my beat report today, Mrs. Bearden.

"Beat reports aren't due today, Glenn," teacher Cathy Bearden informed.

Glenn replied, "I have mine anyway--the beets in the cafeteria are terrible."

Junior Greg Hardin asked teacher Jim Hermecz which he would rather do--have a hot date or go fishing.

Before Mr. Hermecz could answer, senior Billy Belisle piped, "A hot fish!"

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Bulldogs, Cheerleaders Hide

By Chuck Reynolds and Jeff Lucas

Find the names of the football players and cheerleaders listed below in the puzzle.

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Barry
Bernita
Bill
Billy
Buddy
Chuck
Craig
Darrell
David
Dennis
Edd
Freddie
Jeff
Jimmy
Johnny
Ken
Kelvin
Kevin
Leslie
Lynn
Mark
Maurice
Nan
Pam
Paula
Phyllis
Randy
Ronnie
Scobie
Shane
Sidney
Sonya
Tall
Terry
Thomas
Tim

These 37 are the first names of all team members and cheerers.

Ford Carries Shelby County

Even though Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter won the presidential election, Nov. 2, incumbent Gerald Ford scored victories in Montevallo and in Shelby County.

According to history teacher Danny Cooper, Regional Chairman for President Ford Committee and member of Alabama's Republican Executive Committee, Mr. Ford had 53% of the votes in the town, while Mr. Carter took 45% of the 1606 votes cast.

In Shelby County the President had 56% of the 16,225 votes and Mr. Carter, 44%.

At MHS, however, the future president defeated Mr. Ford by two votes in a mock election held Nov. 1 in Mr. David Nichols's senior democracy classes.

A Promise Is Kept--

Mr. Weese Takes Cold Plunge

In spite of chilly weather, band director Jim Weese took a dip in the pool at Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., when the Troubadours attended the Marching Festival there. Band members threw the director in the outdoor pool while he was fully dressed. The swim was of his own choice, however.

Before the competition, Mr. Weese promised the group they could throw him in if they received straight "1" ratings.

"It was cold," shivers Mr. Weese as he recalls the incident. "I was hoping they would forget about it, but after we made the superior rating, I knew it was coming," he adds.

"I wasn't enthusiastic about getting soaked, but if that's what it takes to encourage the band to make a "1" rank, I'd do it all over again," he concludes.

Bulldogs Zap Tigers, 27-0--

Brown Reaches 1,000 Mark

By Greg Hardin

IN SCORING THE FIRST TOUCHDOWN of Montevallo's 27-0 win over West Blocton, Thomas Brown, for the second straight season rushed for over 1000 yards. The magic mark was made on a 15-yd. romp that pleased alumni who had returned for homecoming but started a long night for the bewildered Tigers.

Brown put up six more points in the first half, and Tim Ross and Jeff Lucas also added touchdowns before the "Go" team handed it over to the "Ready" Bulldogs.

Ross, Lucas Score

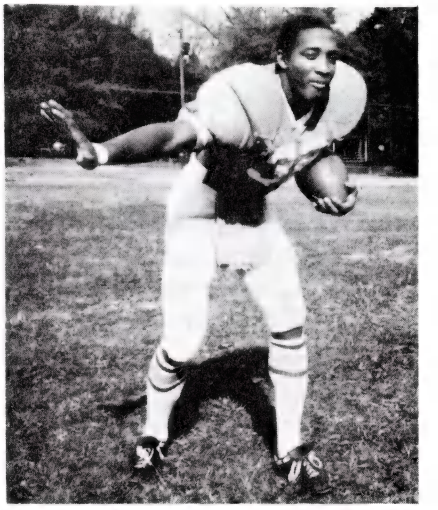
Ross, 205 lb. fullback, made one of his classic rambles early in the second period, scoring from 18 yards out. Lucas's TD came on a spectacular 35-yd. pass reception from quarterback Terry McCarey.

Belisle Kicks

Billy Belisle kicked three extra points to run the count to 27-0.

The win gave Montevallo the Area 7 title and assured the 'Dogs of a berth in the state playoffs against Hokes Bluff, Area 8 champion.

The Bulldogs are the only team with a perfect area record in both areas.



A LOT OF MILEAGE
Senior Thomas Brown shows the form that gained 1,000 yards for a second season.

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Next Year Arrives Tonight For Those Who Said, 'Wait til --'

TONIGHT'S PLAYOFF GAME AT BULLDOG STADIUM is a rematch that many have long anticipated--Montevallo vs Hokes Bluff. Last year in the first round of state competition Hokes Bluff defeated the Bulldogs 22-14.

Coach Richard Gilliam's Bulldogs hungrily await tonight's encounter after the defeat that dashed MHS's hopes of a state championship last year. Coach Gilliam stated that the loss ties for being the toughest he's ever accepted. Even though the score put Hokes Bluff on top, the Bulldogs racked up 456 yards total offense to 48 for the Eagles.

A victory tonight would give Montevallo the Region 4 title and pit the 'Dogs against the Region 3 champs--either Elmore County or Handley High School.

If MHS and Handley should match up next week, an interesting situation would occur since Handley's coach is Coach Paul Woolley, former head coach at MHS, under whom Coach Gilliam was an assistant. (Chuck Reynolds)

Volleyball Team Heads For Playoffs

Tomorrow the volleyball squad, which became district champs two week ago, will compete in state playoffs for the second year.

They will play in the A-AA classification in a double elimination tournament at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Team member Nan Jones says, "We especially want to win this year because we believe the football team is going to bring in one state title, and we'd like to make it two."

Last year the Bulldogs were defeated in the first round at the state meet.

In the district, the 'Dogs dumped Northside 15-9, 15-9; Tuscaloosa Academy 15-10, 15-9; and Chelsea 15-3, 14-11.

High scorers at district were Linda Chism, Phyllis Conwell, and Joy Guy. Miss Dot Bishop is coach.

Hokes Bluff to Be Guests--

Boosters Prepare Meals

EACH FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOOTBALL GAME, the Bulldogs are served a meal by players' parents and Athletic Boosters. The menu usually consists of hamburger steaks, creamed potatoes, a green vegetable, bread, and tea. For special games, the team feasts on baked chicken.

At the homecoming meal a large orange and blue cake with seniors' names on it was served to the players, and all guests received small football favors.

Coach Richard Gilliam praises, "There is no possible way we could show our appreciation and thanks to these hard workers who spend so much time preparing our pregame food.

"I think our team gets the best pregame meal in the state!"

On some occasions the cheerleaders are invited to eat with the team.

Today the Hokes Bluff team will be guests of the Bulldogs at the meal.

"We invited them to eat with us because they have to come such a long way to play," says Coach Gilliam.

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Expert Twirler Aids Majorettes

The majorettes received special instructions from Mrs. Liz Vardaman, former head majorette at Purdue University in Indiana, before they attended the Ft. Walton Beach Marching Festival.

Mrs. Vardaman, who now lives in Alabaster, helped the girls with routines.

"I enjoyed her working with us; and it paid off, because we received a Superior rating in Florida," says Anitka Stewart.

Other MHS twirlers are Vanessa Cottingham, Karen Morris, and Linda Sims.

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Trio of Archers To Enter Contest

Seniors Linda Rochester and Cindy Smitherman along with sophomore Lisa Coon will participate in the State Roundup Archery Competition tomorrow at the University of Montevallo.

The trio which was selected by Coach Dot Bishop has had only two weeks in which to practice. However, Miss Bishop thinks "they have a good chance in the contest" and believes "they can win."

Basketball Waits

Although 17 men are already working out every night Monday through Thursday for basketball, Coach Kurt Pnazek says plans for the upcoming season are indefinite.

Originally the opening game was set for Nov. 20, but according to Coach Pnazek, no games will be played until MHS has finished with football playoffs.

The team will not be selected until the football players interested in basketball have had an opportunity to try out.

Girls Eye Target

Girls in P. E. classes aim for perfection as they sight their targets.

This six weeks classes are studying archery.

P.E. instructor Dot Bishop explains, "The girls practiced their aiming and shooting skills at the beginning of the unit but are now ready to shoot for points on their grades."

Colombia Native Visits 'Dogs

By Chuck Reynolds

Before "combat" each Friday, the Bulldogs set aside 30 minutes for religious meditations. Recently during this period Mrs. Ester Aros, a native of Colombia, South America, visited the team.

Mrs. Aros shared her personal testimony with the team and was very impressed that a football s uad would set aside such a time.

Since the visitor speaks only in Spanish, Rev. Larry Acton, team chaplain, served as translator. Mrs. Aros told of many hardships in her country, the worst of which was a Colombian civil war which she survived but in which she lost many members of her family.

Mrs. Aros is in America for an operation on her son's leg.

Bulldogs Blast TCHS 38-8

ROUTING TALLADEGA COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL 38-8 last Friday night, the Bulldogs capped off their best regular season record (9-1) since 1960.

A strong defense held Talladega scoreless and to minus 17 yards rushing until the game's last play when Tommy Garrett ran a kickoff 80 yards. He followed his TD with the two-point conversion as the timekeeper announced the end of the game--there was no clock.

Bulldog scoring started early on a 5-yd. plunge by Tim Ross and continued through the first four possessions. Chuck Reynolds followed on a 8-yd. dive, Thomas Brown came through on a 20-yd. show of speed, and Darrell Lawley went over from the 2 for the 24-0 halftime count.

Kevin Hughes and Alvin Connell scored in the final period. Connell added the two-point conversion.

Volleyball Game Adds to Funds

The volleyball team collected approximately $140 Oct. 1 when they played Thompson a match during school hours.

"The money will cover the expenses of attending district and state playoffs and pay for the team's new orange and blue uniforms," explains Coach Dot Bishop.

Thompson Posts Perfect Record

With the close of the regular football season last Friday night, here are the records for all Shelby County teams:

	County Games	Overall
Thompson	2-0	10-0
Montevallo	4-1	9-1
Chelsea	2-2	6-4
Shelby Co.	1-3	4-6
Vincent	1-2	5-5
Calera	1-1	5-5
Pelham	0-2	3-7

Bulldog Growls--

2 Bulldog Teams Go to State

By Greg Hardin

Not many schools in the state can boast two state contenders in one year, much less two in one weekend.

However, MHS can--as the football squad enters state playoff action tonight against Hokes Bluff and the girls' volleyball team plays in state competition tomorrow at Tuscaloosa.

In tonight's game the Bulldogs make their second straight attempt for the state 2A crown. Last year the 'Dogs were the "Cinderella team" of the county, coming from 1-3 at the beginning of the season to a 7-3 season record and a playoff berth, unranked.

This year it is a different story as the team has an outstanding 9-1 record and is rated second in the county after Thompson, an undefeated 3A state contender.

The Bulldogs hold one state title in football. They were declared champs in 1960 by the Birmingham Post Herald through a point system devised by the newspaper.

The girls' volleyball team also makes a second lunge at a state crown tomorrow as the 'Dogs play in a double elimination tournament now being drawn up by state officials.

After winning the district last year, the girls lost in the first round at state but give promise of furnishing stiffer competition this time.

Shelby Slips by B Team 21-20

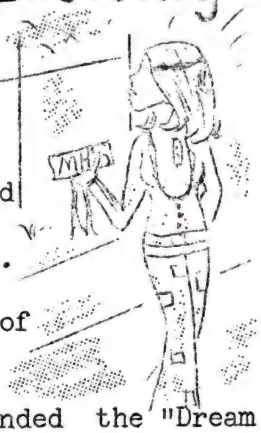
Down 20-7 at the half, the Shelby County Wildcat B team came back to slide past MHS's B team 21 - 20 in the final game of the season last week at Columbiana. A last minute PAT kick by Keith Wilder made the difference.

MHS scorers were Darrell Lawley, with two touchdowns, and Randy Beers, one. Leading tacklers were Alvin Connell, Edd Green, and Chuck Reynolds.

Earlier the junior varsity closed out its season with losses to Vincent and Calera. Coach Richard Gilliam pointed out that Alvin Connell had outstanding nights in both games. The Bullpups' record is 0-4-2.

44 Grads Return to MHS--

Homecoming Proves Exciting



Teacher Jim Hermecz, senior Glenda Smitherman, and sophomore Leslie Belluchie were named winners of Color Day during homecoming activities. They were awarded tickets to the dance.

Other homecoming festivities included the MHS-Blocton football game, special band shows, an alumni tea and the dance.

Forty-four former grads returned to MHS for the alumni social. Twenty-two of these are members of the 1956 reunion class and five are now teachers at MHS.

Students, faculty, and alumni attended the "Dream Weaver" homecoming dance which featured Natural Explosion from Birmingham.

"The dance went along smoothly, and I think everyone had a good time," comments student council sponsor Don Benton.

The $363 earned from the dance paid for the band, flowers, refreshments, and decorations.

Cookies for the dance and tea were baked by cafeteria manager Gwen Mitchell and her staff.

Alumni Receives UM Elite Honors

Two MHS graduates were honored as outstanding students in Elite Night '76 at UM Oct. 30. They are Robert Churchill ('72) in communications, and Jim Hollon ('73), business administration.

Two student teachers also received recognition.

Mr. James Canevaro, who works with Mr. Danny Cooper, was named Senior Elite by the history department, and Mr. David Edwards, apprentice to Mr. David Nichols, was nominated to Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities.

In addition, Patricia Corbett (MHS'75) and Lori Merijanian (MHS '74) were beauty candidates.

Teacher Grades Halftime Shows

Band director Jim Weese has continued rating the Troubadours after each performance at football games this year.

The band earned highest scores with the West Blocton and Winterboro halftime shows, when they received a 9.5--only a half point from a perfect 10.

Other high scores this year have been 9's which were rated after Shelby County, Thompson, and Vincent games.

Earlier the Troubadours made a 7.5 for the Marion and Calera shows, a 7.9 at Chelsea, and a 7 at Jemison.

"I think these ratings serve the purpose of showing the band how their performances stack up against each other, and are an incentive to better their score," Mr. Weese says.

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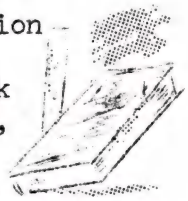
MHSers Cite Favorite Books



In observation of National Children's Book Week this week, MHS's library club conducted a survey of favorite books.

Faculty members named most often Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell as the book they enjoyed most while in high school.

Although a number of books were listed, the one mentioned most by students was F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby.

Librarian Anne Milford sponsors the club.

Poses Selected

Seniors ordered their portraits last week. This group made selections from various poses made earlier in the year by Waldrup Studios of Birmingham. The portraits will be included in the MONTALA.

Iris Smitherman Sells Most Mums

Junior Iris Smitherman led the homecoming mum sales. She received the top prize of $5 for selling 12 corsages. Sophomore Lisa Coon earned $2 as second highest salesman. She sold six. The three journalism classes sold 93 mums.

"Profits will help finance picture pages in future SPOTLIGHTs," journalism teacher Cathy Bearden explains.

—Happy Thanksgiving Holidays—

Coming Events

Nov. 24--Report Cards
Nov. 25-26--Thanksgiving Holidays

Nov. 29--RC Assembly
Dec. 2--Half Day
Dec. 6--Blood Drive, MHS
Dec. 12--PTA at MMS
Dec. 18-Jan. 2--Christmas Holidays
Jan. 14--End of first Semester

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READY! SET! OUCH!

Juniors Anitka Stewart (1) and Becky Lesley, blood drive helpers, get advance practice on Principal W. C. Corbett, coordinator of the MHS project.

Under Red Cross Sponsorship--

MHS to Hold Blood Drive

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will sponsor a blood drive Monday, Dec. 6, at MHS from 8:10 to 11:30 a.m. Beds and other needed facilities will be set up in the auditorium for the purpose.

Students 18 years of age or older, those who are 17 and have their parents' consent, and faculty members who have given blood before may donate.

Orange juice and cookies will be given donors before they return to class to help restore their strength.

Principal W. C. Corbett, coordinator of the MHS drive, says an assembly will be held next Friday for seniors so representatives from Red Cross can explain the procedures of blood donation and the purposes of such a drive.

Eight typing students will donate services as they do clerical work and other jobs for doctors and nurses sent by Red Cross.

These helpers are Betsy Hood, Becky Lesley, Dandrea Ray, Linda Sims, Iris Smitherman, Anitka Stewart, Craig Van Valkenburg, and Ricky Williams.

Holiday Season Starts Today

TODAY WHEN THE 2:45 BELL RINGS, the holiday season arrives at MHS. Classes will be dismissed for Thanksgiving vacation. School will resume Monday, Nov. 29, at 8:00 a.m.

Next Thursday students will once again have a half day break as teachers travel to Columbiana for an in-service meeting. The half-holiday begins at 11:45.

After these two breaks students will be looking forward to the nearing Christmas holidays. The Christmas break is a two-week vacation lasting from 2:45 Dec. 17 until Jan. 2 at 8:00 a.m.

General Mills Test--

Girls To Compete in Contest

SENIOR GIRLS WILL TAKE the General Mills Search for Leadership in Family Living Test on Dec. 7. Sponsored by General Mills Industries, the test will cover knowledge of family life and attitudes.

The student who scores the highest on the exam will be MHS's Leader of Tomorrow and will take part in state competition with other school winners. The state winner receives a $1,500 scholarship and the runnerup, $500 in college aid.

In addition, the school of the state winner gets a 20-volume reference set entitled Annals of America, published by Encyclopaedia Brittanica.

The All-American Leader of Tomorrow chosen from the various state winners gets a $5,000 scholarship in addition to previous awards. Three runners-up also get scholarships.

Lorraine Klemenc was MHS's winner last year.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony comments, "Taking the exam is an experience which usually proves stimulating because of the variety of questions."

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Reports Are Due

Report cards will be issued today at 2:40 during a special homeroom session. Last Friday ended the second six weeks grading period of the year.

Students will return the cards after Thanksgiving holidays.

10th Graders Attend Best

Sophomores are leaders in attendance for the third consecutive month. They had an average of 98.07% of the class in school each day between Oct. 18-Nov. 12.

Homerooms with the most present each day were those of teachers Dot Bishop, Danny Cooper, Charles Martin, and David Nichols.

With total enrollment at MHS now 448, an average of 438 pupils in grades 9-12 attended daily.

"Students should make every effort to be present every day for their own sakes and because the number of MHS teachers is based on average daily attendance," informs Principal W. C. Corbett.

Counselor Attends Annual Workshop

Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony attended the tenth annual fall workshop of the Alabama Personnel and Guidance Association, Nov. 10-11, at the Hyatt House in Birmingham.

The program was entitled "A Helping Hand."

Mrs. Anthony said the most interesting session was Dr. William A. Parkey, professor counselor of education from the University of North Carolina, who spoke on "That's What It's All About."

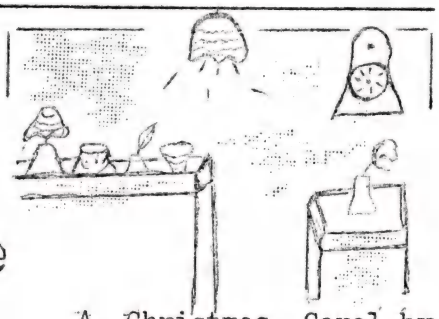
It's News Downtown--

Antique Shop Has Open House

The new antique and gift shop on Middle Street had Open House Nov. 14. Owners Jackie and Larry Tyer estimated about 300 people came to browse despite the rainy weather.

Mrs. Tyer says they are interested now in finding those who make handicraft items such as needlepoint, crewel, or quilts to sell to the shop.

The contest to name the store ended last Friday, and suggestions submitted are under consideration.



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens will be read by Mr. W.T. Chichester, UM speech professor, Dec. 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Reynolds auditorium on UM campus.

The Montevallo Community Relations Council formerly located on Main Street has moved to the intersection of county highways 25 and 155.

The MCRC building is open each weekday except Wednesday. For any information on the council, one may call 665-1529.

Thanks for the Catsup

Dear Editors:

Students appreciated receiving two packets of catsup recently instead of the usual one when hamburgers and tater tots were served in the lunchroom. The addition made a much better meal out of that lunch for one usually has to decide whether to use his catsup on the sandwich or potatoes.

Since almost everyone likes catsup, we hope that two packets will continue being served, for we enjoy getting plenty for both hamburgers and the accompanying French fries or tater tots.

Becky Lesley
Mary Sherrer

For this, We Thank Thee

All year long MHSers have many things to be grateful for, but at this season of Thanksgiving these particular blessings come to mind:

A school that holds only the highest of standards--
A well-trained, understanding staff and administration--
A proud, spirited student body--

Facilities that are comfortable, pleasant and practical--
A course of study that offers unlimited opportunity--
A program of activities for fun and training--

A band that rates wherever it goes--
Athletic groups that merit only praise--
A newspaper that earns state and national honors--

A cooperative community and university standing by--
And a heritage that is ours to promote and preserve.

Complaint Voiced

Dear Editors:

Students sit after eating lunch each day waiting to go to their next classes with teachers guarding them like elementary students.

Before renovation when students were not required to stay in the lunchroom, they had more time to talk and go to the bathroom.

If we could do this now, everyone would look forward to lunchtime, and classes wouldn't seem so boring.

Katrina Gilbert

Safety Urged

When students are out of school, they often become involved in more activities and are less concerned about safety.

Everyone is urged to be extra cautious during the Thanksgiving holidays so all will return in good health next week.

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Students Learn Popular Ballad

Under the direction of English teacher Barbara Belisle, juniors recited "All by Myself" by Carmen, Nov. 1.

The verse is a contemporary poem recently recorded as a ballad that rated high on the popular music charts.

"Students were asked to learn the poem so they could realize that poems and songs have meanings. They found it easy to learn and recite.

"It also gave them a chance to earn points that would raise their grades," Mrs. Belisle notes.

Lynn Sawyer Wins Title Role

Sophomore Lynn Sawyer has the leading role in "The Little Match Girl," which will be presented by the dramatics club next month.

The drama, which lasts approximately 30 minutes, was written by Herman Amman and is based on the fairy tale with the same name by Hans Christian Anderson.

Other parts cast at tryouts held by sponsor Barbara Belisle will feature Marla Abbot, Jeff Barrow, Cathy Belisle, Leslie Belluchie, Vonna Carson, Rene Davis, Vickie Lilly, Angela Tolbert, and Tim Whitfield. Auditions will be held soon for nine other characters according to Mrs. Belisle.

Refugee from Cuba--

Visitor Tells of Native Land

"School was very different in Cuba than in the United States," Dr. Angela Hernandez told Spanish Club members at their last meeting. According to the Cuban native grading was much stricter and more subjects were needed to graduate in Cuba.

Mrs. Hernandez, who now lives in Montevallo, moved to the U.S. approximately 15 years ago. She is the mother of junior Vivian, Conchita (MHS, '73) and Susy (MHS, '75).

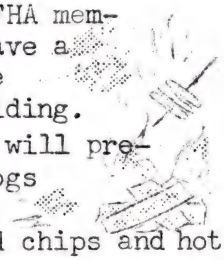
In addition to comparing U.S. schools to those in Cuba, the visitor talked on subjects ranging from Castro to Cuban coffee.

Senior Alison Cole says, "It's interesting to learn how people from different countries have adapted to our country and to know what life was like back in their native land."

Club adviser Dan Martin adds, "It's exciting to hear about her family's escape from Cuba."

After her visit, Mrs. Hernandez wrote club sponsor Dan Martin, "...It is not common to find a group of high school students as attentive and well behaved while having a visitor... they are a wonderful audience."

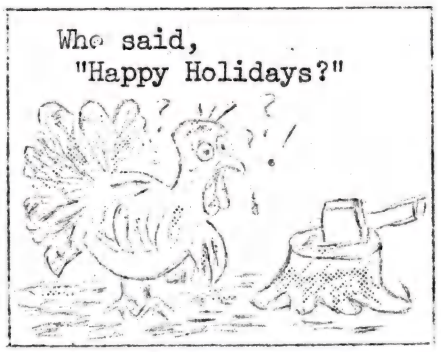
FHA Plans Cook-Out



Tuesday FHA members will have a party at the home ec building.

Students will prepare hot dogs over a wood fire and had chips and hot cocoa.

"We will initiate the new members into the club with embarrassing stunts," states FHA president Sheila Brown.



Nunnelly Representative Will Visit

Next Wednesday seniors will attend an assembly sponsored by Nunnelly Vocational College. Mr. Pap Morris of the college's admissions office will explain opportunities available at Nunnelly.

"Tentative plans are for the senior class to visit Nunnelly after Christmas holidays," says guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Any Way It's Viewed--

Thanksgiving Is not for Birds

THOSE WHO LOVE TO EAT name Thanksgiving as an enjoyable holiday due to the variety of food served at this time of the year.

MHSers who choose the traditional turkey and dressing as their favorite delicacy include Benjie Dailey, Ronnie Hale, Cindy Holsombeck, Cindy Smitherman, Freddie Thompson, and Tim Ross.

However, Kathy Glosson prefers chicken and dressing and Billy Belisle would rather have baked hen with his dressing.

Some Want Ham

James Lawrence and Terry McCarey pick ham for their Thanksgiving meal, and Beth Rochester hopes for corn on the cob tomorrow. Mary Wyatt dreams of sweet potatoes.

What's for Dessert?

For dessert Connie Goggins wants pumpkin pie; Anita Dailey, chocolate cake; Thomas Grier, carrot cake; and Mary Sherrer, red velvet cake.

Senior Betsy Hood, who travels to Mobile each year with her family, has perhaps the most unusual item on her menu as she "always has boiled shrimp" on the traditional turkey day.

Snake Livens Class

Recently girls in 1st period P.E. class had a bit of excitement when a young rat snake crawled from an archery target as they were setting it up.

Senior Joy Guy came to the rescue and killed the reptile with a stone.

Teacher Dot Bishop comments, "I'm shocked at the thought of a snake being in the rec room; I'm almost afraid to go in there now."

However, Principal W.C. Corbett notes, "Hopefully it's just one of those rare incidents which won't happen again."

Calder Inspires Art Students

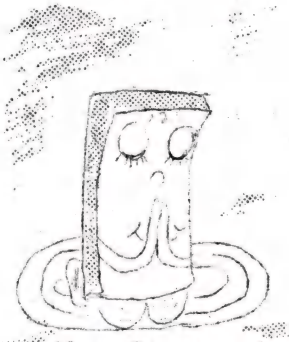
Art classes are creating mobiles and studying the life of Alexander Calder, a famous sculptor who died recently.

The type of art that Mr. Calder made famous is hanging, balanced forms, such as mobiles.

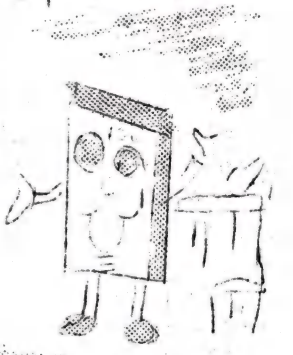
"In the past, this art work has been enjoyed by not only the students doing it but also fellow students. I think it will be a really fun project, and I hope to display the finished products in the hall," notes teacher Ann Parker.

Locker Laughs - - -

Pupil Jokes about Spooks



Time to give thanks
Is almost here;
And soon 'twill be
time
For Christmas cheer.
Students are busy
But having fun
As some classmate
Always has a pun.



Alan Stano asked teacher Barbara Belisle, "Why is it that ghosts and vampires come out at 12 o'clock; why not 11:00?"

Classmate Greg Lawley quickly replied, "Because at 11:00, you're still out."

After giving out graded test papers, student teacher Johnnie Faye Davis asked the class if they wanted to "run over the tests."

Junior Iris Smitherman replied, "No. I didn't drive my car to school today."

While discussing presidential elections senior Donna Lilly asked democracy student teacher Michael Edwards, "Is the University of Montevallo an electoral college?"

The 11th grade English class was discussing the movie "Walking Tall" when Vanessa Cottingham said, "I hate that he got killed, but his children are still around, aren't they?"

Rudolph Reed quipped, "Yeah, and they are walking tall!"

In State Football Playoffs--

Eclectic Eliminates MHS

BACKFIELD SPEED GAVE WAY to the air and kicking game as Eclectic's Panthers defeated MHS 14-6 in the second round of the state playoffs at Eclectic last Friday. Both teams went into the game with notoriously fast backfields which failed to score in the defensive bout.

On their first possession the Panthers went ahead when Kimbrell Abrams kicked a 27-yd. field goal, set up by MHS's fumble on their own 42.

Bulldogs Score

The Bulldogs took the lead in the second quarter on Terry McCarey's 27-yd. pass to Jeff Lucas. The PAT attempt was no good and MHS led 6-3 until 56 seconds before halftime when Eclectic exploded. Within that time the Panthers scored 11 points.

Reginald Leonard passed 35 yards to Alvin Freeman for a touchdown and to Craig Giles for two points. Then capitalizing on an on-side kick, the Panthers set up a 33-yd. field goal for Abrams.

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Second Half 0-0

The Bulldogs drove fifty yards late in the third quarter but were halted at the Panthers' 21.

The deepest penetration into Bulldog territory by the Panthers in the second half was the 46-yd. line.

	MHS	ECHS
1st downs	14	8
Yds. rush.	150	140
Passes	3-8-1	2-9-0
Yds. pass.	56	16
Fumbles	4-3	1-0

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Archers Attend Stote Competition

Nov. 13 proved to be an exciting day for senior Cindy Smitherman and sophomore Lisa Coon as they participated in state high school archery competition at the University of Montevallo.

Out of the 50 girls in the contest, Lisa ranked 28th and Cindy 31st.

"I think the girls did a tremendous job considering it was their first time to compete and they had only two weeks to practice," comments coach Dot Bishop.

The archers each shot six arrows in 5 minutes at a distance of 30 yards until each had shot 24 arrows. Then the procedure was repeated at a distance of 20 yards.

"It was fun--we really enjoyed going," Lisa says. "However," she adds, "I'm going to start practicing early this spring so I'll be ready next year."

Bulldog Growls--

Round Ball Starts Rolling

The delayed basketball season has finally arrived. "We are a step or two behind everybody because of football playoffs," admits Coach Kurt Pnazek, "but we'll get in shape playing hard basketball."

Jemison is MHS's first opponent, Dec. 2, with the Bulldogs on the road.

Three other regular season games and two tournaments are scheduled before Christmas holidays.

The Phillips High Invitational, Dec. 17-18, following a regular season game with Thompson on Dec. 16, will pit the Bulldogs against 4A teams to give them more experience according to Coach Pnazek.

Coach adds, "It will be a very interesting week of basketball." (Randy Beers)

Bank Gives Balls

Merchants and Planters Bank donated the miniature footballs, stamped with "1976 Playoffs" which MHS cheerleaders threw at Game No. 2 at Eclectic.

Volleyball Team Places Fourth

In 1A-2A state volleyball competition Nov. 13, the Bulldog squad earned fourth place before being put out of the double elimination contest by Clio High School 15-9, 16-14. Clio ranked second in the girls' event.

In their first game, MHS fell to Lexington High 15-11, 15-12. The Bulldogs then devoured Isabella 15-7, 15-11 with Joy Guy as high scorer; and Bernita Thompson led as MHS also showed up Sylvania 15-13, 15-8, before the Clio contest.

St. Paul Academy of Mobile won the championship. Altamont High rated third.

Actors Offer Christmas Play

"The Little Match Girl" will be presented by the dramatics club second period Wednesday. Tickets will be sold in homerooms for 50¢. Club sponsor Barbara Belisle will direct the production.

Lynn Sawyer has the leading role.

Other actors selected in second tryouts include Vanessa Cottingham, Stark Harbour, Gail Hill, Karen Morris, Beth Rochester, Patrick Sims, Ricky Williams, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Craig Van Valkenburg.

In addition, the chorus, directed by Mrs. Frances Anthony, will sing Joy to the World and The First Noel. Junior Iris Smitherman will be accompanist.

Band Program Planned

NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT THE BAND will hold its annual Christmas concert. Troubadours will perform Emblem of Unity, Of Festive Bells and Ancient Kings, Two Christmas Miniatures, Concord Overture, Tall Cedars, and I'll Be Home for Christmas, under the direction of Mr. Jim Weese. Student teacher Larry Wade will direct the group in Noel Francais.

The stage band will also participate playing Dues Blues, Sax Appeal, Warm, and Echo Blues.

No admission will be charged for the concert in the auditorium Mr. Weese says.

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Merry Christmas!

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LET'S GET IT RIGHT!
Sophomores Curtis Peoples (1) and Beth Rochester practice with classmate Mark Baker for next week's holiday program.

Before Vacation Begins--

Assembly Sets Tempo

CHRISTMAS CHEER and holiday fun begin an hour early for MHSers next Friday. A special assembly is scheduled in the auditorium. Teachers in charge of the sixth period program are Mrs. Frances Anthony, Mrs. Barbara Belisle, and Mr. Jim Weese.

Mrs. Cathy Bearden's second period sophomore English class will present the devotional. The band is scheduled to play carols and other Christmas songs from their concert arrangements including I'll Be Home for Christmas, Noel Francais, and Two Christmas Miniatures.

The chorus, directed by Mrs. Anthony, will sing Deck the Halls, Joy to the World, Silent Night, Silver Bells, and The First Noel, and will also lead the student body in singing carols. Mrs. Hilda VanLandingham's French class will present part of the program.

The 2:45 bell signals the beginning of a two-weeks' vacation with class resuming Jan. 3, 1977, at 8:00 a.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Staff

Second Grading Period--

Girls Lead 'A' Honors List

FEMALES DOMINATED the all-A Principal's Honor Roll for the second six weeks' grading period as 19 girls made the all-A record as compared to three young men.

Seniors Lynne Davis, Connie Goggins, Pam Pendleton, Anita Spicer, John Klemenc, and Amy Knowles carried home the outstanding report cards when Thanksgiving vacation began Nov. 24.

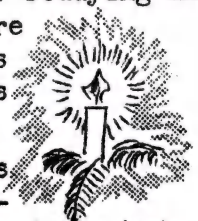
Juniors who earned 90 or above in all subjects include Sandra Boothe, Kathy Glosson, Becky Lesley, Chuck Reynolds, Mary Sherrer, and Mary Pearl Silas.

Glenn Anthony, Leslee Belluchie, Vicki Crowson, Rene Davis, Gay Perkins, and Marsha Zahumensky are sophomores who earned the top average.

Freshmen Tod Beers, Deandrea Cole, Karen Jones, Ann Klemenc, and Edna Williams also had all A's to show parents as a Thanksgiving present.

Countdown is on

MHSers have only five more days of studying and classes before school closes for Christmas holidays.



This means there are only 33 hours and 45 minutes, or a total of 2,025 minutes, or 121,500 seconds of school left in 1976.

32 Give Pints For Blood Drive

Thirty-two donors gave blood to the American Red Cross Blood Drive held at MHS Monday. Of the MHSers and faculty members who donated, 19 were male, 13 female.

Twenty-eight others who wished to give a pint were rejected for various health reasons.

Sixteen student helpers aided the Red Cross representative. Student and staff conors were given refreshements to regain their strength before returning to class.

Principal W. C. Corbett observes, "It was a very good drive and quite successful for such a small school."

It's News Downtown--

City's Ornaments Have New Lustre

Dixie Decorating Co. and Mr. Don Lovelady of Lovelady's Hardware House recently rebuilt Montevallo's Christmas decorations.

In addition to the town's ornaments now on display, Lovelady's added a new decoration, a green tinsel Christmas tree, located on the side of the bank.The tree is decorated with yellow light bulbs.

A live nativity scene will be presented Dec.19 from 6-8 p.m. at Montevallo United Methodist Church. The program will feature animals provided by local citizens.

Neva's Florist is now open in Briarfield on Hgwy. 139, owned by Neva Logan.

The shop has flowers for all occasions and will make deliveries to Montevallo, Alabaster, and surrounding areas.

Operation Santa Claus is set for Dec. 18 at the University Baptist Church.

The party for 40 underprivileged children of the Montevallo area, sponsored by the Montevallo Community Relations Council, will include various games, refreshments, and Santa.

Various churches in town are planning caroling activities to celebrate the Christmas season.

Carol Davis of Carrollton, Ga., submitted the winning entry for naming the new antique and gift shop on Middle Street.

Owners Jackie and Larry Tyre selected her suggestion, "The House of Tyre," for the business's name.

The shop also has a slogan--"For Gifts that Never Tyre"--which was the creation of a Montevallo Middle School teacher, Gail Robinson.

Christ Is In Name

Christ child in the manger--
Heavenly angels singing--
Reverence for the occasion--
It came upon a midnight clear--
Shepherds guarding their sheep--
Three wise men bearing gifts--
Mary and Joseph in the stable--
Alleluia to the Lord--
Saviour of the world.

Holiday Brings Visions

Christmas means decorated trees, brightly wrapped packages, cheerful songs in the air, and shoppers scurrying about for last-minute items.

The Yuletide holidays also bring to mind nativity scenes, special church services, sacred hymns, and His birthday.

SPOTLIGHT editors, staff, and advisers hope that all the various methods of observing this special time will add to the happiness of the holidays and wish everyone a joyful Christmas season.

Loan of Field Aids UM Clinic

MHS received the following letter from Delta Chi Fraternity at the University of Montevallo after the group held a fund-raising football game at Bulldog Stadium which resulted in a $75 donation to a worthy cause.

Dear Mr. Corbett:

The Brothers of Delta Chi wish to thank you for letting us use the Montevallo football field for our game last Monday night.

As you know, the proceeds went to the Speech and Hearing Dept., and it was a success.

Sincerely,
Danny Blackmon

Team, Supporters Praised

MHS's football season has surely been a memorable one. The Bulldogs had a very successful 9-1 regular season record and went into the second round of the state playoffs. In addition, three players received all-state recognition.

The Troubadours, along with the majorettes and flag corps, gave excellent performances during every halftime. The cheerleaders boosted spirit at both pep rallies and games.

Congratulations go to the team, coaches, fans, band, cheerleaders, and all who helped make the '76 season unforgettable.

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Ele-Mid Notes--

Schools Get in the Spirit

"HAVE A MERRY MUSICAL CHRISTMAS," the theme adopted by Montevallo Middle School, is evident through the MMS building. Students made hanging ornaments for the halls and door decorations illustrating selected Christmas songs.

Members of various Montevallo garden clubs will judge the displays.

Next Friday Christmas programs and parties for grades 6-8 will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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Feasting and parties are a part of Christmas at Montevallo Elementary School.

The annual Christmas dinner will be served to MESers Thursday.

Pupils will make decorations for the special lunch, and each class will decorate its door in holiday garb.

Homerooms have parties scheduled for the last period Friday.

Students Will Feast

Next Thursday the lunchroom staff will serve a special Christmas lunch with the following menu:

Turkey / Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Ambrosia
Bread and Milk

Christmas Plans Include Going Home, Play, and Rest

When MHS closes its doors for the holidays, faculty members have a variety of activities in store.

Teacher Barbara Belisle will begin her Christmas shopping in New Orleans, and secretary Opal Long will head for Tennessee as she has done "for over the last twenty years." Coach Kurt Pnazek will celebrate Christmas with his family in Chicago, while other faculty members visit family and friends nearby.

Some Will Hunt and Fish

Principal W. C. Corbett and science teacher Jim Hermecz hope to spend a little of their time outdoors fishing and hunting. Cafeteria manager Gwen Mitchell also plans to go fishing during the vacation time.

Still there are some who never seem to quit workin, as is the case of Mrs. Cathy Bearden who is anxious to begin decorating "the nursery for the new baby," and Mr. Tim Wiggins who hopes to complete his new greenhouse.

One Dons another Hat

Teacher David Nichols will switch roles as he works as a policeman during the holidays.

Last week business teacher Susie DeMent demonstrated how she plans to use her holiday time as she fell relaxed into her chair and exclaimed, "Is this good enough?"

Center Classes Spread Cheer

The Foods and Child Care students at Shelby County Vocational Center recently collected gifts for the senior citizens of Shelby County party yesterday in Columbiana. Door prizes were donated by merchants in Montevallo and other towns in the county.

Monday the same classes will have a party for the handicapped children of Shelby County.

The class will serve refreshments to the children and their families and provide the youngsters with stuffed animals made by the students.

PTA Sponsors MMS Open House

Monday night Montevall Middle School will host Montevallo PTA. The session, MMS's Open House, will begin at 7:30.

Program plans include a devotion, a poem, an brief talks by each school principal.

Parents will tour the building, talk with teachers, and have refreshments

'Peeves' Produce Scrooges

By Regina Harbour

CHRISTMAS is not always a favorite time of the year. Sometimes one feels like joining Scrooge and saying, "Bah, Humbug!" Here are some reasons why.

"Humbug" is:

... Getting caught under the mistletoe by fat old Aunt Penelope--

... Christmas displays in August--

... Opening presents and discovering that none of them fit--

... Having to pay postage on a Christmas card from a person one doesn't even know--

... Receiving a ten-pound box of candy while on a diet--

... Having homework in every subject during the holidays--

... Being sick all through the Christmas vacation-

... Trying to have an old-fashioned Christmas with an aluminum tree, aerosol pine scent, an artificial yule log, and plastic mistletoe.

PTA Has Directories To Sell

Montevallo Area telephone directories, published by the Montevallo PTA are now on sale.

The phone books feature telephone numbers from Montevallo and the surrounding communities of Aldridge, Almont, Ashby, Boothton, Briarfield, Dogwood, Dry Valley, Marvel, Pea Ridge, Spring Creek, and Wilton.

The directories may be purchased from any PTA salesman for $1.50.

* * * * LOCKER LAUGHS * * * *

'Largest' Crowd Attend Meeting

"It was the largest Band Boosters meeting we have had since I've been here," states band director Jim Weese who has taught at MHS five years.

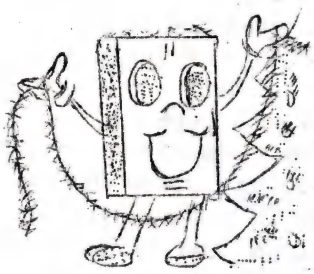
Mr. Weese referred to the Nov. 22 meeting which included 50 parents of band members.

Entertainment was provided by the stage band. Boosters also viewed a film of the band's performance at the Troy contest this year.

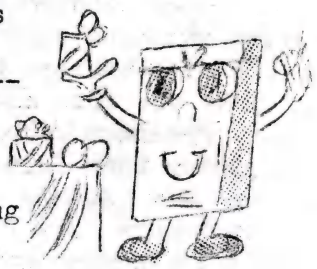
Refreshments were furnished by Band Booster president Betty Wyatt.

"I was extremely happy with the large turnout of parents and certainly appreciate their support," Mr. Weese says.

Hair Style Creates Chuckle



Christmas carols
In the air--
People shopping--
Not a care.
Santa with
His "ho-ho-ho"
Students laughing
On the go!



Student teacher Johnnie Faye Davis explained that before going to the guillotine one had to have his hair cut off.

A student asked why and she quickly quipped, "I guess it was so they could get a clean cut!"

While discussing Rod McKuen's "Laughter through the Crystal," the student teacher noted that laughter is referred to as coffee percolating in the poem.

Junior Iris Smitherman smiled, "That's because it's so perky."

During the Armed Services Assembly, counselor Frances Anthony remarked that she hadn't heard what the services pay, so Billy Belisle jumped up and asked, "How much do you pay?"

The Army officer came back with, "How much are you worth?"

When art students accidently touched off the intercom and someone asked "Can I help you?" substitute teacher Naomi Lankford bent over and spoke into the call button, "No, it was just an accident."

Stork, Santa Coincide

CHRISTMAS usually is a time of gifts and excitement for everyone.

However, several MHSers find the holiday season even more delightful for they celebrate birthdays on or near the special days.

Freshman Theresa Chism and drivers ed teacher Charles Martin were both born on Christmas Eve.

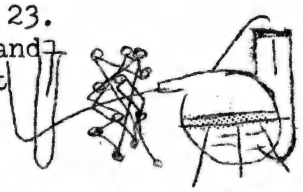
Only freshman Michael Cox names Dec. 25 as his birthday. "The only thing bad about it is that people sometimes combine my birthday and Christmas presents," Michael says.

Even though there are no students who were New Year's babies, there are some who came close.

Freshman Linda Clark and junior Lynn Helms arrived on New Year's Eve, and sophomore Joy Pirtle and senior Vanessa White claim Jan. 2 as their birth date.

Students Participate in Program

Mr. John Ergin from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, brought the program "This Atomic World" to MHS Nov. 23. Seniors Billy Belisle, Anita Crowe, and Joy Guy, and junior Angela Tolbert aided with the show which included demonstrations on radioactivity and electricity.



Student teacher James Canevaro also gave a helping hand.

Later that day, Mr. Ergin spoke to Mr. Jim Hermecz's chemistry class. He explained how the Geiger counter was able to detect radioactivity and then helped students determine the radioactivity of certain elements.

Girls Conduct Wedding Party

Family iving classes held a mock wedding reception last Friday. Instructor Rose Ellen Hankins and student teacher Melanie Andrews directed the event.

Class members portrayed the wedding party, reception hostesses, and guests.

Students made bride and groom cakes, punch, and wedding cookies for the event. They also served mints and nuts.

The reception concluded a wedding study in which students planned their weddings and made wedding booklets.

Typist Reaches Christmas Goal

Miss Susie DeMent's gift list will increase by one this year and possibly by two.

Sophomore Rene Davis is slated to receive a Christmas present for her outstanding records in typing class, and senior Linda Sims is trying to rate one also.

Miss DeMent had promised the rewards if the typists reached the goals set earlier based on speeds they had already accomplished.

"Their timings are fantastic," exclaims Miss DeMent. Rene achieved 60 words per minute after only one semester of typing, and Linda, an advanced student, now has 87--three short of her requirement.

"If I ever get that 90, I'm not stopping--I'll aim at 100 next," Linda says.

'Denimmachine' Visits MHS

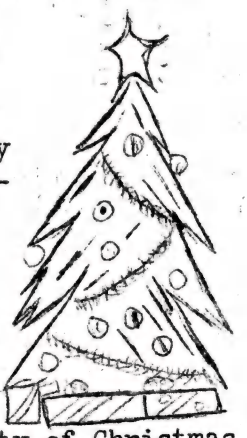
Last week the Coca Cola Company presented the "Denimmachine" to MHSers. Free soft drinks and a booklet on CB radios were given when students viewed the vehicle. The "Denimmachine" is a bright red, white, and blue painted Ford van. The interior is decorated in blue denim material and features a bar, television, refrigerator, CB radio, tape deck, and seating area.

Many MHS students registered to win the "machine" and its nine duplicates to be given away today in a national drawing held in Minnesota.

"I was glad that the students were able to get out of class, receive a free drink, and have a little fun," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

Be It Real or Artificial--

Trees Symbolize Christmas



TODAY ALMOST ALL AMERICANS use shiny colored balls and strings of colored lights to decorate a tree at Christmas.

Even though the Germans were probably the first to use trees in Christmas decorations, they are now part of the traditional American Christmas. Probably most MHSers have such a tree at home.

Senior Pam Pendleton points out that the thing she likes best about the evergreens is their odor--"I just love the way they smell!"

According to junior Gail Hill the beauty of Christmas trees is their unique shape. Teacher Jennifer Jones says she likes the Christmas tree for it symbolizes a joyous time of year with one's family.

Sophomore Kathy Gilmore simply enjoys the holiday trees for she likes the "naturalness of green things."

Mrs. Joanna McGaughy notes that Christmas trees are wonderful for they are traditional and they can be decorated in so many ways. She adds, "It's a special family time to decorate the tree together at our house."

Doors Add Sparkle

Christmas door decorations once again brighten MHS for the holiday season.

The Student Council is sponsoring the event. An impartial judging committee will select the best decorated door according to council president, Billy Belisle.

Winner of the $5 prize will be announced Wednesday after the dramatics club's play.

Mrs. Cathy Bearden's sophomore girls' homeroom and Mrs. Deelene Baker's special ed class were winners last year.

64 Buy Coats To Show Colors

Sixty-four MHSers will soon be wearing orange and blue jackets with school emblems. The coats were ordered through the school with Coach Dot Bishop in charge of the sale.

Prices ranged from $11.95 to $24.95.

Any profits from the project go to the athletic department according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

12
Days
Are all
That remain
For finishing up
That last minute
Christmas shopping!
Good
Luck!

Club Will Take Hospital Tour

Next Thursday the health careers club will tour Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham.

Approximately twenty-five students will see the various facilities the hospital has to offer.

Club officers are: Roslyn Smitherman, president; Anne Tolbert, vice president; Betsy Hood, secretary; and Vanessa Young, treasurer. Science teacher Jim Hermecz is adviser.

College Class Looks at MHS

Dr. Lawrence Malone of the University of Montevallo and one of his classes toured MHS Nov. 17. Principal W. C. Corbett pointed out new features such as the intercom and fire alarm systems, the library addition, and other renovation conveniences added last year during renovation.

The students who are studying how old school buildings can be modernized, are currently working on their AA teaching certificates.

"The group unanimously agreed that this was the nicest and most attractive school they had ever been in, "Mr. Corbett says.

4 Get Honorable Mention--

5 Bulldogs Rate All-County

Montevallo's Bulldogs and Thompson's Warriors tied for all-county honors this year. Each team placed five men on the roster.

Dennis Brown, Thomas Brown, Terry McCarey, Maurice Reed, and Tim Ross's significant performances during the '76 season placed them on the list of the top 22 players in Shelby County.

Shane Connell, Sidney Fields, Jeff Lucas, and Craig Van Valkenburg received honorable mention in the coach's balloting. "It's the highest number of men I've ever had receive the honor at once," Coach Richard Gilliam remarks proudly of his '76 football team.

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'Dogs Open Basketball With 2 Wins

Basketball came alive at Montevallo last week as the Bulldogs opened the delayed season with two wins.

It was a come-from-behind effort that got the 'Dogs past Jemison, 60-59; but they completely stifled Winterboro 80-41.

Chappell Hits Winner

At Jemison only six seconds remained when Terence Chappell rebounded his own shot and put up the winner.

Leading by as much as 13 points at one time, the Panthers fell victim to a come-from-behind drive led by top scorers Thomas Brown and Chappell.

Last Quarter Flourish

Brown had 18 points, 10 coming in the final period; and Chappell hit 9 in the winning stanza with a night's total of 17.

Sophomore Otto Fields added 10 points in this-

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Rally Starts Season

A tip-off pep rally, sponsored by the cheerleaders in the gym last Friday gave MHSers a chance to meet the '76 basketball team and their new coach Kurt Pnazek.

During the rally Coach Pnazek introduced 13 varsity men and put them through two drills for the onlookers. Coach Richard Gilliam recognized 15 members of his B team.

15 Games, Tournaments, Face MHSers

With two games behind them, the Bulldogs have a schedule of 15 regular games and three tournaments before area and district which are set for Feb. 28-Mar. 5 at Montevallo.

Here's the schedule:

Dec.	7-10	Conference Meet at Sylacauga
Dec.	14	Bibb County*
	16	Thompson
Dec.	17, 18, 20	Phillips High Invitational in Birmingham
Jan.	7	Indian Springs*
	11	Shelby County*
	14	Dallas County*
Jan.	18-22	County Tournament at Pelham
	25	Briarwood
	28	Shelby County
Feb.	1	Francis Marion
	4	Vincent*
	8	Bibb County
	11	Winterboro
	15	Vincent
	18	Thompson
	22	West Blocton
	25	Francis Marion*

*--Home game

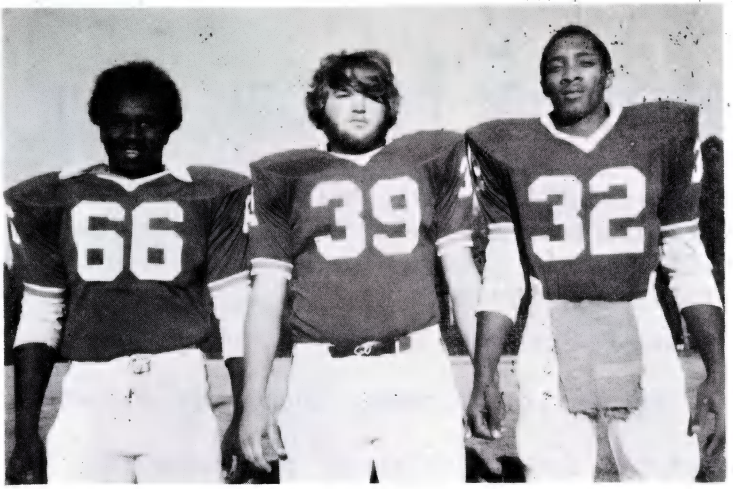
Schools Have 15 Girls on Team--

Basketball Sponsored by YMCA

The MHS girls' basketball team is now preparing to play other teams in Shelby County. The first game is Jan. 22. Games between various county schools will last through Feb. 5 and a tournament Feb. 12-19 will determine a county champion. Tournament winners will then compete against other county champs in March.

All teams from the Shelby County schools will follow the same regulations. Each squad has 15 players who paid a fee to cover the expense of their jerseys. According to MHS's coach, Liz Johnson, each girl will play 10 games and never sit out an entire game.

This new program is under the Shelby County YMCA which furnishes coaches, officials, and uniforms for the teams.



TOP 'DOGS
Leading seniors (l-r) Maurice Reed, Tim Ross, and Thomas Brown were selected for the Birmingham News all-state roster.

Reed, Ross Win Honors--

Brown Earns 'State'

Senior Thomas Brown, recently named to the Birmingham News all-state football roll, has earned his second all-state award in less than a year. He now has the unique distinction of being one of Alabama's best in two sports--basketball and football.

Last spring Brown's feat as a guard landed him on the all-state basketball team when the Bulldogs placed second at the state tournament.

Now his sparkling performance (which includes gaining over 1000 yards this season) at tailback has merited his most recent achievement in 2A football.

Reed Makes Alternate

Guard Maurice Reed also received recognition by the Birmingham News selection. "Maurice's defensive play at linebacker won him the place on the alternate team," says Coach Richard Gilliam.

In addition, Tim Ross made guard on the honorable mention list.

Ross, Versatile

"Ross's ability to move to many positions makes him a valuable man," Coach Gilliam comments.

Vincent's wide receiver Willie Womack also made 2A honorable mention.

Three Thompson Warriors were included on the state 3A roster -- Brad Everett, end, 1st team; Paul Draper, tackle, alternate; and Tim Durrett, guard, honorable mention.

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A Big Man Faces a Big Job

By Greg Hardin

MHS's new basketball coach Kurt Pnazek, a big man at 6'5", 235 lbs., has a big job ahead carrying on the Bulldog cage tradition. Past teams have had five consecutive trips to the state tournament where they have won two 1st place trophies, two 2nd place, and one 3rd.

Coach Pnazek's sports career began at Carl Sandburg High in Orland, Ill., where he lettered in basketball and football.

Gets Offers

Even though he was offered several football scholarships, Mr. Pnazek, whose main interest is the roundball, accepted a basketball scholarship to Birmingham Southern.

While at Southern he was champion free throw shooter with an 82% record.

Coaches Winner

After college Mr. Pnazek became basketball coach at Minor Christian High School where he posted an 18-4

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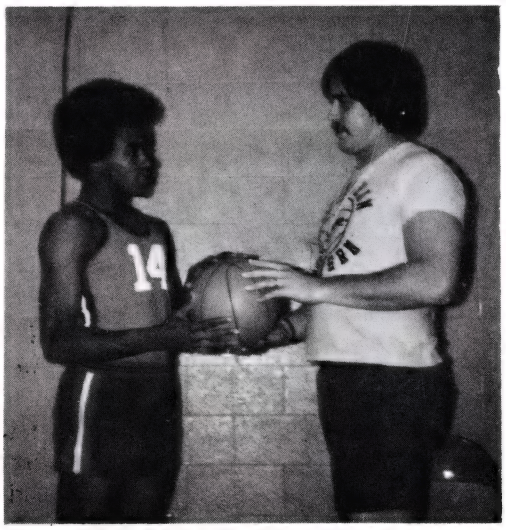

CHECKING STRATEGY
Terry McCarey listens as Coach Kurt Pnazek explains the finer techniques of basketball.

Thompson Wins

Thompson High School's Warriors won the 11th annual Thompson Holiday Classic. Bibb County, who came in first last year, rated second.

MHS was unable to participate in the Nov. 22-24 tourney due to 2A football playoffs. This was the first year the 'Dogs have missed the event.

Bulldogs Lose 13 after '76 Season--

Coach Praises Work of Senior Football Men

By Barry Harper

TEN SENIORS AND THREE OTHER MEN who played out their eligibility this year are greatly responsible for leading the MHS football team to a 9-1 record, plus a second consecutive trip to state. Coach Richard Gilliam who has guided these Bulldogs feels they have contributed to the team in the following ways:

RANDY BEERS: A fine athlete and person. Randy would have been a star if he had started as early as the 10th grade.

BILLY BELISLE: A valuable and capable member of the team. Could--and did--do a good job at many positions.

DENNIS BROWN: Often an unsung hero but the most consistent performer on the team--not flashy, but good!

THOMAS BROWN: The best all around athlete I've had in 17 years as a coach.

SHANE CONNELL: A really quality performer who developed into a physically and mentally tough hombre his senior year. Pound for pound, one of the toughest!

RONNIE HALE: A late bloomer who finished up quite strong.

KEN (TALL) JONES: One of those great surprises. Short on experience but long on raw ability, Tall was a starter at defensive tackle in every game.

MAURICE REED: The best hitting linebacker I've had in my coaching career.

TIM ROSS: The "Bull" was magnificient. A fine leader--great team spirit. Went where needed and did an outstanding job wherever he played.

JIMMY LEE TALLEY: Not blessed with the size and speed of some, but long on guts. A valuable leader.

FREDDIE THOMPSON: Intelligence, good attitude and hard work changed a little "have not" into a tough "have got'." A real winner!

CRAIG VAN VALKENBURG: Stepped forward to give us strength where we really needed help, at right linebacker. An able offensive performer when needed. A fine leader.

JOHNNY WILLIAMS: One of if not the best of our blockers. Developed his senior year into a mentally and physically tough player--put the team ahead of self.

Out of these 13 men, nine started every game, either on offense or defense. This leaves only three returning starters.

However, Coach Gilliam, with his usual optimistic attitude, feels "there are people who'll step in to give depth where it is needed next year."

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Panthers Win State Crown

Last Friday night Elmore County Panthers became 2A state champions by defeating Red Bay 20-12. After eliminating MHS in the second round, 14-6, the Panthers zapped Georgiana 25-0 in the semifinals.

Coach Richard Gilliam remarked, "We could just as well have been there at the top if it weren't for a few minutes when we played the Panthers."

Mountain Brook is the 4A champ; Andalusia and Athens tied in 3A; and Addison won the A division.

2 Wins - - (Cont'd)

opening night victory.

Last Friday McCarey and Dannye Young scored 16 points apiece as the Bulldogs toppled Winterboro at Montevallo. Chappell and Ricky Gilmore added to the effort with 13 and 12 respectively.

Coach Kurt Pnazek says, "It was a good overall effort but showed areas needing improvement." He adds, "Practice is what we need now."

Twelve Bulldogs saw action; 10 of them scored.

B's Win 2

Following the varsity's example, the Bullpups, under Coach Richard Gilliam, remain unbeaten in B-team competition.

They defeated Jemison 34-28 and Winterboro 37-32 in their first two games.

Kenneth Bell was high scorer for MHS both nights with 13 against Jemison and 15 against Winterboro.

The Bullpups' next game is with Bibb County Choctaws here Dec. 14.

Bulldog Growls--

Team Takes A 13th Man

By Greg Hardin

The Bulldogs have added a new dimension this year. Since the 'Dogs have 13 players instead of the usual 12, a floating jersey will be used.

"The squad has 13 members for I felt we had 13 strong players, and I felt it would be unfair to cut one of these," explains Coach Kurt Pnazek. One player will assume a different identity each game.

This situation means one person will have to sit out each bout," says Coach, adding, "I will have to decide before each game who will not dress out."

This may be good for it may cause more hustle--who knows?

Panthers 66; Bulldogs 63--

Pell City Squeezes by MHS

PELL CITY'S PANTHERS dealt defeat to the Bulldogs in a 66-63 squeaker in the first game of the Mid-State Conference Basketball Tournament at Sylacauga Monday night.

Play Catch-up

The 'Dogs, down by 1[illegible] points at the end of the first period, came alive to tie the game 10 times before the final buzzer found Pell City on top by 3.

The deciding factor was the free throw line where MHS had only 5 chances to 20 for the Panthers.

Chappell, Fields Lead

For the second time this season Terence Chappell and Otto Fields led the scoring for MHS with 16 points each. Thomas Brown had 12.

The winners had three men in double-figures also. Fred Henderson led with 20; Mike Robertson had 19; and Mike McGraw 14.

Tough Foes Ahead

A heavy schedule awaits the Bulldog cagers next week as they go into the Phillips High Invitational Tournament facing chiefly 4A competition.

Other schools in the classic are Anniston, Druid, Emma Samson, Hayes, Jess Lanier, and Phillips. Pairings are yet to be set up for the games scheduled for Dec. 17, 18, and 20.

Before the tournament, Montevallo entertains Bibb County Tuesday night and goes to Thompson Thursday.

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'76 Football Captains--

Team Names Brown, Ross Leaders

By Chuck Reynolds

PERMANENT TEAM CAPTAINS for the 1976 football squad are seniors Thomas Brown and Tim Ross. These two leaders were chosen by a "landslide" vote of team members.

Thomas led the Bulldogs in rushing this year and gave excellent performances at defensive safety. Coach Richard Gilliam states, "Thomas will take menial tasks at practice upon himself while other upperclassmen tend to force the jobs on underclassmen. He has stepped to the front as a leader since the 9th grade by example, attitude, performance, and spirit."

Tim has given great performances in several positions this year. Coach Gilliam notes, "Tim is a real team man. He's a real winner when things get tough on the field. I believe his spark gave us the victory in three games this year--Jemison, Vincent, and Calera."

Assistant football coach Kurt Pnazek who has known Thomas and Tim only one season says, "I was impressed from the first time I met them; I felt they had real leadership ability, and I was not disappointed."

Big Man--(Cont'd)

mark his first year. The next year the school challenged larger opponents and ended the season with a 12-12 record.

Quick 'Dogs

Coach Pnazek notes that quickness is the Bulldogs' main asset.

He adds, "That's what we'll try to capitalize on this season."

Coach Richard Gilliam praises, "Coach Pnazek's enthusiasm is contagious to his players. His knowledge of fundamentals is fantastic; I've learned a lot from just watching him in action at practice."

Mr. Pnazek also teaches special education at MHS.

Stations List Specials For Holiday Viewing

During the holidays television networks will be presenting Christmas specials. Some of this year's programs to be aired by local stations are:

WAPI-- Channel 13

Dec. 13: Little Drummer Boy
Bob Hope Christmas Special
Perry Como Christmas Special
Dec. 15: John Davidson Christmas Special
Mac Davis Christmas Special
Dec. 19: Christmas Around the World
Dec. 25: Christmas Day Service

WBMG-- Channel 42

Dec. 17: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
Frosty the Snowman

WBRC-- Channel 6

Dec. 14: Year without Santa
Dec. 17: Young Pioneers Christmas Special
Dec. 19: The Promise
Dec. 24: A Christmas Carol
Christmas in New York
Dec. 25: Christmas Religious Service

WBIQ-- Channel 10

Dec. 14: Christmas Made Easy
Dec. 19: Nutcracker
Dec. 24: Alabama Christmas Celebration

Assembly Reset

The senior assembly sponsored by the Nunnelly Vocational College set for Dec. 1 had to be canceled.

According to guidance counselor Frances Anthony the assembly has been rescheduled for Jan. 5.

Visitor Explains Phoning Techniques

"The most important thing in talking on the telephone is the tone of your voice," Mrs. Gwen Bowie emphasized to future secretaries Nov. 16.

The public relations consultant of South Central Bell in Birmingham also demonstrated procedures for answering the phone in an office or at home when she spoke to the club at its November meeting.

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Classes Finish With Archery

When the girls' P.E. classes completed a unit on archery, four pupils led in scoring.

The "Robin Hoods" in each class are:

Cindy Smitherman, first period; Lisa Coon, second; Avery Jones, fifth; and Linda Chism, sixth.

Scores were determined by the Columbian Round. Each pupil shot approximately five times a day--according to the size of the class--sending six arrows toward the target.

Grad Gets Aid

Former MHSer Sonja Belisle ('75) has received a Lutheran Campus Scholarship sponsored by the Aid Associations for Lutherans.

Sonja, daughter of MHS teacher Barbara Belisle, is a sophomore majoring in general education at Alabama Lutheran Academy and College in Selma.

Interests Call for Research--

Projects Tell of Special Study

Juniors studying American History under Mr. Danny Cooper are working on semester projects due Jan. 3.

Each student selected his own activity. Many chose to do a "Family Tree," gathering as much information as they can find on their ancestors. "The family as a unit has contributed much to the American way of life. By researching their family trees, students will learn about their heritage and will uncover a lot of American history in the process," explains Mr. Cooper.

Other students have selected contemporary problems or issues and are researching them in depth. They are writing letters to government leaders at all levels, public and private agencies, and special interest organizations to secure resource materials. Forty-one different topics are being researched. These include pollution, capital punishment, and foreign affairs.

SPOTLIGHT

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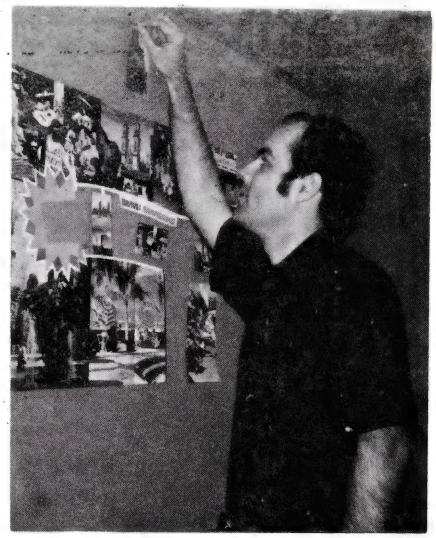

MOVING DAY
Teacher Dan Martin takes down his last MHS bulletin board.

MHS Graduate Is Replacement--

Mr. Dan Martin Leaves MHS

TODAY IS THE LAST TEACHING DAY for MHS Spanish and English instructor Dan Martin.

Mr. Martin, whose resignation becomes effective as the semester ends today, has been at Montevallo for four and one-half years. For three and one-half years he has driven bus No. 68-5.

Principal Has Praise

"He's a fine person, a fine teacher, and has done an outstanding job," commends Principal W. C. Corbett. "Dan Martin is one of those rare people whom all the faculty and 99% of the student body like. We'll miss him," he adds.

A versatile teacher, Mr. Martin has taught freshman English, Spanish I and II, and French I during his stay at MHS.

Graduates from UA

Mr. Martin received his BA degree in Spanish from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and his MA from the University of Montevallo in English.

He has also studied at Huntingdon College and Alexander City Junior College.

To Pastor in Selma

Mr. Martin, his wife Carolyn, and their children Janna and John, who live in Clanton, will soon move to Selma to pastor a church there.

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Semester Closes

TODAY ends the first semester of the 1976-77 school year. Students will receive report cards for this period next Friday.

Band to Perform

MHS BAND will provide entertainment for Shelby County teachers at their associational meeting next Thursday.

On that day classes will be dismissed at 11:45 so MHS faculty can attend the session which begins at 2 p.m. in Columbiana.

Other half days this year are Mar. 3 and Apr. 7.

New Year Brings Promise

(Guest Editorial)

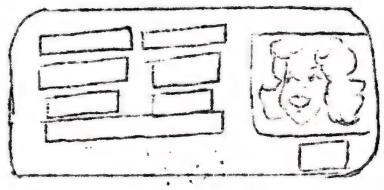
LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR is exciting; however, there is a tendency to look back on the old year with its happiness, tears, love, and excitement. "Did we make life count last year? Looking back will not meet today's needs nor solve tomorrow's problems.

The Apostle Paul encouraged young Timothy to begin "forgetting those things which are behind and to reach forth unto those things which are before."

This new year offers us a new opportunity to make life count. Perhaps a good beginning would be evaluating our attitude toward others and striving to improve our relationships with God, family, and friends. So, with great anticipation for a fresh new year, let's "make life count." (David Nichols, democracy teacher)

It's News Downtown--

Drivers' Licenses To Show Identity



When Shelby Countians go to get drivers licenses renewed, they will receive a completely new style of card. A picture is taken of the driver, printed on the license, and returned to him minutes later.

Persons with birthdays through the 15th of each month will get two-year licenses for $4.75, and those born from the 16th to the end of the month receive four-year licenses costing $9. In 1979, all licenses will be issued for four years.

Licenses may be renewed at the Judge of Probate's office in the county court house in Columbiana Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The basement of Monk's Variety is being reconditioned to house a photography studio. Scheduled to open next September, The Studio will specialize in weddings and portraits according to owner Randy Ellis, a UM graduate.

"I am interested in turning out a quality product and pleasing the customer," Mr. Ellis explains.

Alabama's first two public radio stations go on the air this year in Birmingham and Huntsville.

The Birmingham station WBHM (90.3 on the FM radio dial), which will be heard in Montevallo, will emphasize classical music with some folk and jazz, radio drama, public issues programs, and news coverage--without commercials.

Moss Food Center recently installed new lights which illuminate the front of the building. According to owner Robert L. Moss the lights were put up for the safety of customers and employees.

Mr. Moss says he feels that the extra protection is worth the price.

Mr. Martin--(Cont'd)

"If I were to continue in the teaching profession, I would be content to stay on at MHS forever," Mr. Martin reveals.

Mrs. Delilah S. Robinson, a 1963 MHS graduate, will take over Mr. Martin's duties for second semester. Previously Mrs. Robinson taught remedial reading at Montevallo Middle School.

Former MHSer Larry Reid will take over as driver for bus No. 68-5.

Ice Delays School's Start

Students received an extra holiday Jan. 3 when they were scheduled to return from Christmas vacation.

School superintendent Elvin Hill closed schools due to hazardous road conditions caused by an ice storm.

No official announcement has been made, but the day will probably be made up May 27 according to Principal W. C. Corbett. This day was originally scheduled as a teachers' work day.

5 Graduate Today

Today is the last day of high school for five MHS seniors.

Barry Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Cathy Jones, Linda Rochester, and Roslyn Smitherman complete their high school education today as first semester ends.

Three of the group will go on to college next semester, while the other two plan to begin working full time.

PTA Sponsors MHS 'Portrait'

ARTIST KARL SCOTT of Birmingham is now painting MHS's portrait. Montevallo PTA is sponsoring the artist's work as a special fundraising project.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett there will be only 100 signed and numbered prints made. Each will cost $60. Those people interested in the work may now reserve one of the copies by contacting a member of the PTA Ways and Means Committee which includes Mrs. Donna Belluchie, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Dr. S. M. Mahan, Jr., Mr. Steve Smitherman, and Rev. George Steincross.

School Is Complimented

After bringing the Denimachine to MHS, the Coca Cola sales manager sent Principal W. C. Corbett the following letter, along with coupons for free soft drinks for students who helped with the showing:

Dear Mr. Corbett:

Thank you and your fine students for the enjoyable day Mr. Greene and I spent at your high school. We appreciate the excellent help you and your cheerleaders gave us to make the day a success.

To top it off, we had a fine meal in your cafeteria. . . .

Sincerely,
Walter L. Montgomery

MHS Salutes Teacher

Not only will Montevallo High lose a valuable English and Spanish teacher when Mr. Dan Martin leaves MHS's faculty today but also a fine person who has given much of his own time to befriend students and serve the school in many areas for four and one-half years.

In addition to serving as sponsor for the junior class, student council, and French and Spanish clubs at various times, Mr. Martin has driven a school bus and helped at athletic events held at MHS.

His "extra" work has been greatly appreciated and will long be remembered.

This outstanding instructor will surely be missed as second semester begins without him Monday.

Visitors Write Thanks

SPOTLIGHT received the following note from Curry High School students after a session with MHS journalism classes:

Dear Advisors and Staff:

The journalism class of Curry High School expresses our appreciation to you for permitting us to visit you Oct. 28. We really enjoyed seeing your new school and had a great time.

We learned a lot about the production of a school newspaper. Thank you again for the courtesy you showed us during our visit.

Sincerely,
Curry High School
Journalism Class

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Judge Helps Teacher with Class-

Classes Visit Shelby Court

SENIOR DEMOCRACY CLASSES attended a session of the Shelby County Circuit Court in Columbiana before Christmas holidays. They observed the trial of an alleged robbery of an Alabaster service station.

Watch Jury Selection

The students saw the "jury striking" and swearing in of the final jurors. Then Judge James H. Sharbutt, who presided over the courtroom, explained about the trial procedure and told students what to expect during the process.

While in the courtroom the MHSers also watched the examination and cross-examination of a defense witness.

Call for Verdict

Although the classes were disappointed at leaving before the case was over, teacher David Nichols who accompanied the group called the courthouse later to learn the verdict which was "not guilty."

Mr. Nichols says, "The students were at their best behaviour. Judge Sharbutt told us he was happy to have us and was glad we could see the judicial process first hand."

Student teacher David Edwards also went on the trip to Columbiana.

MHSers Meet With Teachers

In-service meetings are usually for teachers only but not necessarily as three MHSers discovered last month.

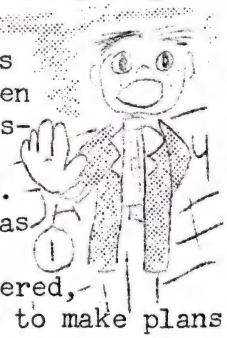
Seniors John Klemenc and Ricky Williams and junior Greg Hardin attended the history instructors' session as part of a countywide program with two to four students from other Shelby County Schools.

The group discussed classroom discipline, motivation, student-teacher relationships, and other areas in which teachers wanted to hear student opinion.

Ricky notes, "I enjoyed sharing my ideas with the other students."

MHS history teacher Danny Cooper adds, "I felt it was very beneficial to middle school teachers, but I wished high school teachers could have asked some specific questions so it would have been even more helpful to us."

Who Keeps Resolutions?



January is the month when many make resolutions for the new year.

However, as many MHSers have discovered, it is easier to make plans than to carry them out.

"I resolved I was going to save money and not spend it on 'junk food,' but I already have," moans Rita Tolbert, a freshman.

Sophomore Carol Knowles planned to stop biting her nails, but she has so far failed to do so.

Junior Jeanette Crowson admits she made a resolution to go on a strict diet, but still can't give up chocolate cake.

Perhaps the only person who definitely has not broken his resolution is freshman Billy Perry who resolved not to make any resolutions.

Pictures Make News--

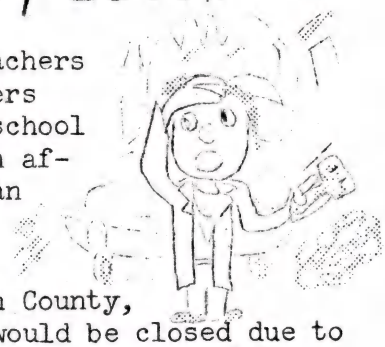
Students Examine Photography

LAST WEEK the three journalism classes viewed a selection of 47 prize winning photographs from the Kodak Scholastic Photography Awards Contest. The exhibit, sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company, featured pictures taken by students in grades 7-12.

Prizes ranged from $20 honor awards to the $1,000 Kodak Scholarship. In addition the top teenage photographer in each region received a Medallion of Excellence.

"Even though we don't have a unit on photography in our journalism classes, we're still interested in learning what is considered excellent photography in the field of journalism," notes journalism teacher Cathy Bearden. "The black and white and full color photographs may be viewed through today in room 204," Mrs. Bearden adds.

Some Begin Holiday Late



While most MHS students and teachers were snuggling back under the covers for an extra holiday Jan. 3 when school was originally scheduled to reopen after Christmas vacation, teacher Dan Martin reported to school alone.

Didn't Get the Word

Mr. Martin who lives in Chilton County, didn't hear the news that school would be closed due to icy weather conditions. So, as usual, he prepared for his bus route when he arrived at MHS.

He scraped the unusually thick layer of ice off his beloved yellow mobile and headed for his route.

Nobody Is Up!

"When I went down the first street, no one was waiting for me, so I blew the horn all the way down it, turned around and came to pick up those students who had heard the horn and hurriedly prepared themselves for school.

"I did the same thing on the second street before I learned school had been closed," he admits.

He returned the students to their homes, parked his bus, and began his "extra holiday" a little later than everyone else.

Seniors Sing-a-long At Christmas Party

"Our senior Christmas party was quite a success," says senior class president Craig VanValkenburg.

The party, held at the college faculty house, featured a sing - a-long with University of Montevallo environmental health instructor Noel McInnis at the piano.

Decorations of holly, mistletoe, and a Christmas tree added to the spirit.

The senior Who's Who elite was announced midway during the festivities.

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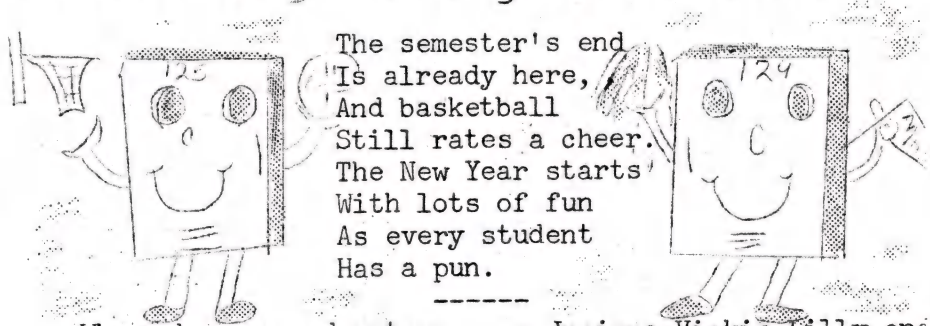
Meat Sign Brings Chuckle



The semester's end
Is already here,
And basketball
Still rates a cheer.
The New Year starts
With lots of fun
As every student
Has a pun.

When she saw a downtown sign that read, "Fancy Meats," freshman Deandrea Cole quipped, "Bologna!"

Senior Pam Guthrie noticed classmate Thomas Brown studying for a test. She asked, "Are you taking that test today?"

Thomas replied, "I was supposed to have taken it last year."

"Last year!" Pam exclaimed.

"Yep, last year," he answered. As Pam looked puzzled, he added, "Last year--Dec. 13," he paused, "1976!"

Juniors Vickie Lilly and Anne Tolbert were discussing Anne's younger sister Monique. "What grade is she in?" Vickie asked.

"Homeroom," Anne replied.

While assembling SPOTLIGHTs, sophomore Nellie Yelder looked at the headline, "MHS to Hold Blood Drive" and asked "Who wants to see a blood drive?"

In 5th period history class student teacher Don Marchant told students to look at the key on their maps of Africa. Sophomore Lynn Sawyer giggled, "It's not shaped like a key."

Class Studies Poem

Junior English students recited Walt Whitman's "Miracles" Monday.

The poem is one of several that Mrs. Barbara Belisle's classes are being required to learn.

"This is a major poem for the year. It helps students realize that there are other things in life that are important besides motorcycles, gouchos, money, and other material objects.

"I hope that after reading the poem and memorizing it they appreciate it," Mrs. Belisle says.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Neighbor Schools Relate Happenings

Enrollment at Montevallo Middle School has increased with the new year bringing in four new 6th graders and three 8th graders.

MMS's groupwide competition spelling bee is being held this week. In addition the sale of MIDDLE YEARS, the school's yearbook, began Monday.

For the second year MMS librarian Janie Smith is sponsoring a Campbell's Soup label drive which ends Mar. 4. Last year's campaign helped the middle school purchase a slide projector.

Other needed materials can be earned from the contest this year.

Mrs. Lanelle Hill is presently substitute teaching at Montevallo Elementary School. She is working for Mrs. Mildred Rancher who is at home with a new baby girl born Dec. 31.

Mrs. Hill is the sister of 3rd grade teacher Virginia Sims.

Spread Christmas Cheer--

'Best' Doors Receive Prizes

Before Christmas holidays, decorated doors adorned MHS's halls. The student council awarded prizes to the door selected best in two categories.

Typing instructor Susie DeMent's door, featuring the Magi on a blue background and the theme "Wise Men Seek Him Still," won the religious award.

"Dreaming of a White Christmas" by Mrs. Barbara Belisle and student teacher Johnnie Faye Davis took top honors in the miscellaneous area.

Second place for religious doors went to Mr. Danny Cooper's junior boys homeroom, and an honorable mention to Mr. Charles Martin's second period drivers' ed class for its doors.

Mrs. Anne Milford's 10th grade girls homeroom won second in the other category and art teacher Ann Parker's bulletin board by Steve Langston, Mark Wiley, and Lynn Harper received honorable mention.

Judges for the contest were Band Booster president Betty Wyatt, seniors Randy Beers and Anita Spicer, junior Barry Kornegay, and sophomore Leslee Belluchie.

History Clock Gets New Face

Clockwatching has ceased in Mr. Danny Cooper's history classes.

The clock's face is covered with a huge smiling "William Teller" picture. A note beneath questions, "Time Will Pass, Will You?"

"Students started getting ready five or ten minutes before the bell, therefore losing the benefits of the last few minutes of class. So, I covered the clock to keep them working longer," Mr. Cooper explains.

Class members have varying feelings about the William Teller with the "Carter" smile.

Junior Gail Hill says that it keeps her in suspense to not know what time it is, and her classmate Sheri Barrow adds, "It looks ridiculous."

However, they and other clockwatchers admit that Mr. Cooper's idea works as the minutes tick by without their knowing how much longer before class ends.

Actress Aids Drama Group

Before their production of "The Little Match Girl," dramatics club members had Alabama actress Pam Middaugh help them prepare for the show.

She illustrated how to use stage makeup giving junior Cathy Belisle the appearance of Satan for her role and "aging" junior Anne Tolbert for her grandmother part.

Mrs. Middaugh also demonstrated various hairstyles that were worn at the turn of the century.

"We really appreciated Mrs. Middaugh's helping us," notes adviser Barbara Belisle. "I think the play was a success--all club members did their jobs beautifully."

Size Makes Little Difference--

Bulldogs Get Two 4A Wins

PLAYING WITH THE "BIG BOYS" in the Phillips Invitational Tournament in Birmingham before Christmas, MHS's Bulldogs walked away with second place honors Dec. 20. It was the first time a school other than those of 4A classification had participated in the annual Phillips event. Montevallo is a 2A school.

To reach the finals the Bulldogs easily defeated 4A powers Anniston (62-43) and Phillips (60-45). In the championship game against the Hayes Pacesetters the MHS-Phillips score loomed again but with the 'Dogs on the short end this time. It was the Pacesetters taking the title 60-45.

Brown Leads MHS Scoring

Thomas Brown held the hot hand for the Bulldogs in scoring 21, 16, and 16 in the three-game series.

Terence Chappell also had 16 points in the Phillips bout.

Coach Has Praise

Coach Kurt Pnazek says, "We were one of the smallest teams there but played more disciplined ball.

"This, plus good teamwork, was the key to our wins. Hayes was just bigger and outrebounded us.

"However, I think the tournament was good for us in that it showed the team what they could do!"

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Brown Hits 1000 Points

THOMAS BROWN passed another athletic milestone in the MHS-Bibb County game before Christmas when he hit the 1000th point of his basketball career.

Brown's scoring trend (163 points in 1973; 302 in '74; and 498 in '75) indicates that the senior may become MHS's all-time top scorer. The record now stands at 1,207 points set by Eddie Lovelady in 1968.

For his feat Thomas was presented a red, white, and blue basketball inscribed with "1000 points, 1976," and signatures of teammates, coaches, Principal W. C. Corbett, and scorekeeper Susie DeMent.

The student body gave Thomas a standing ovation as Coach Kurt Pnazek made the presentation at the Christmas assembly.

Brown earned all-state in basketball last year and all-state in football this past season.

Bulldog Growls--

MHS Ranks 2nd in County

By Greg Hardin

Questions have been raised among MHS basketball fans as to why Thompson was seeded over Montevallo for the upcoming Shelby County Tournament after the Bulldogs defeated the Warriors Dec. 16.

Coach Kurt Pnazek explains, "County seeding was determined by the teams' winning percentages.

He adds that as long as MHS was rated first or second he was not unhappy, however.

Seeding is simply rating teams before a tournament to keep the top teams from competing against each other in the early rounds of play so final standings will give a truer picture of all teams' ability.

When the schedule was drawn up, Thompson had a 9-1 record; MHS, a 6-2.

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Shelby Falls 76-57--

Subs Show Scoring Skill

Thomas Brown and Terence Chappell, with 18 points each, paced the Bulldogs' 76-57 romp over Shelby County's Wildcats at Montevallo Tuesday night. Henry Pope also got in double figures scoring 12.

Coach Kurt Pnazek comments, "It was the first time the bench came in and played superball. That was the key to our winning the way we did."

He cited Larry Cottingham, Ricky Gilmore, Robert Jemison, Maurice Reed, and Danny Young as the substitutes who added to the team's depth.

"They surprised me--I expected them to go in and hold the lead, but I never expected them to increase it, and that's what the team needed," he says.

Awards To Be Given Players--

Boosters Honor Bulldogs

ALL BULLDOGS WHO WERE A PART of MHS's successful '76 football season will be honored tomorrow night at the Athletics Boosters banquet in the school cafeteria.

Players who received the most votes by their teammates will be presented individual "most outstanding" trophies during the evening. Winner of the Theron Fisher Award, given for athletic ability, leadership, character, and scholarship, will also be announced. The coaching staff selects the recipient of this honor.

Coach King, Speaker

Coach Jim King from Livingston University will be guest speaker for the event which begins at 7:30 p.m. MHS history teacher Danny Cooper will emcee the program.

Among special guests of the evening are the junior and varsity cheerleaders and their sponsors.

Boosters Cook

Members of the Athletics Boosters Club, headed by president Mary Ross, will prepare and serve the meal.

Two other dinners are planned--one for basketball players, the other to honor spring sports participants.

Girls to Compete

Today girls PE classes finish a six weeks' unit on various activities.

Students have participated in badminton, table tennis, and various card games.

Winners in each section will compete after school next week, according to PE teacher Dot Bishop.

After Holidays--

Teacher Tells Tall Fish Tale

Teacher Charles Martin took advantage of the Christmas holidays with a fishing line.

During a two-day fishing trip at Camp Okomo on the Coosa River, Mr. Martin caught a stringer of 24 pounds, the largest of which was a five and one-half pound bass.

The drivers education instructor who is an avid fisherman tells that he has caught larger stringers and has a seven-pound bass mounted on a wall in his home.

The "fisherman" was using a Wee-R deep running plug on the 22° day when he caught his holiday stringer.

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'Dogs Nose out Thompson 58-54

Christmas came early to the Bulldogs as they pulled a come-from-behind victory (58-54) over arch rival Thompson Dec. 16 on the Warrior court.

Fourth quarter action saw the Warriors powerless as the 'Dogs defense held Thompson to no field goals while the MHSers put 16 points on the board.

Sidney Fields led the winners with 22 points, which included hitting 6 for 6 at the free throw line. Leading scorer for Thompson was Alonzo Green with 16 points.

Earlier in the season the 'Dogs defeated another 3A opponent, Bibb County, 60-52. Bulldogs Terence Chappell and Henry Pope were high pointmen with 17 and 14 respectively. George Young led Bibb with 18.

Dallas County Comes Tonight; Briarwood Hosts MHS Jan. 25

In their second home game this week the Bulldogs host Dallas County. The Hornets were one of the few teams to beat the Bulldogs last year in regular season play.

According to Coach Kurt Pnazek Dallas County is a very strong 3A team and should afford some "fierce competition" for the Bulldogs.

Following the tournament next week, on Jan. 25, MHS travels to Briarwood Christian School. This is the first meeting of these two schools.

Briarwood's Lions are led by former MHS coach Gary Fleming who led the MHS team to two state crowns while he was Bulldog coach. He says he feels his Briarwood squad can profit by playing MHS since Montevallo is a "bigger and better" team and will provide a challenge.

Bulldogs Seeded Second--

County Tourney Starts Mon.

MONTEVALLO ENTERS the Shelby County Basketball Tournament next week at Pelham seeded second behind reigning county and 3A state champ Thompson High School.

Bulldog varsity action in the meet, which also features B-team competition for the title, starts Tuesday against Calera. Tip-off time is 6:30. Other first-round action pairs Pelham and Shelby County (Monday, 6:30), and Indian Springs vs. Vincent (Tuesday, 8:00).

Semi-Finals, Thursday

Second-round action takes place on Thursday with the lead-out game at 6:30 matching the MHS-Calera winner against the SCHS-Pelham victor. Finals will be played Friday at 9:00. A consolation match is set for 7:30.

B-Team Plays Monday

In B-team play, MHS opens against Pelham Tuesday at 5:00. The winner of this match plays the Calera-Indian Springs winner at 6:30 on Wednesday.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place varsity teams and to 1st and 2nd place B-team winners, as well as to the tournament's most valuable player.

A 10-man all-tournament team (both varsity and B team) will finish out the honors for the event.

Coach Kurt Pnazek says of the varsity, "We'll have to play better ball than we have played in any game this season to win the tournament."

Expressing a little more confidence Coach Richard Gilliam says, "I believe the B-team can win the county championship."

Tournament, 1st Round

Monday

Calera B-ISS B (3:45)
Vincent B-T'mpson B (5:00)
Pelham*-Shelby* (6:30)
Chelsea*-T'mpson*(8:00)

Tuesday

SCHS B-Chelsea B (3:45)
MHS B-Pelham B (5:00)
MHS*-Calera* (6:30)
Vincent*-ISS* (8:00)
* Varsity

Interest 'Sag' Halts Female Play

Montevallo will not have a girls basketball team this year due to lack of interest according to Coach Liz Johnson. Fifteen girls were needed for the team, but only eight reported for tryouts.

Miss Johnson, PE teacher at Montevallo Middle School, will carry eight to Pelham High each Saturday, anyway, to play in Shelby County's YMCA program.

A check with "Y" officials shows that other schools failed to reach their quotas also. Teams made up of students from MHS, Pelham, and Thompson will now participate in the project.

The first game is set for tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Pelham gym.

"If the girls don't show more interest, MHS may never have a female team," Coach Johnson says.

Indian Springs Is Victim--

All 'Dogs Score in 83-45 Win

Last Friday night MHS devoured Indian Springs 83 - 45 at MHS, after a two-week break from play due to Christmas vacation. The Bulldogs led at halftime 45 - 16, substituting freely throughout the game.

Coach Kurt Pnazek observes, "Over all, the team played really well after the holidays, and I was pleased with the effort showed by the team."

Terence Chappell and Thomas Brown were top MHS scorers with 15 and 14 points respectively.

Peter Sperling led the Indian Springs squad with 20 points.

All the Bulldogs saw action, and everyone had at least two points.

Newspaper Cites Brown, Reed

Thomas Brown and Maurice Reed continue to add to their list of individual football honors. During December the two were named to the Mid - State Conference team and selected by the BIRMINGHAM POST HERALD as first alternates for its state team.

Earlier the BIRMINGHAM NEWS listed Brown as an All-State choice and Reed, alternate. Both made All-County.

As Another Year Passes--

Every Phase of School Life Makes 'Good News'

By Darrell Lawley

THE YEAR 1976 PROVED TO BE A FRUITFUL ONE at Montevallo High School with numerous awards and honors being won by students, faculty, and staff and tremendous improvements coming to the building as renovation was completed.

In the academic field, the school received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the fifty-third year; and the math club under the guidance of Mr. Doug Morris placed second at tournaments held at Samford University and Jefferson State Junior College.

Musicians Shine

Troubadour pride was upheld as the concert band passed district evaluation and went on to receive superior ratings at state competition.

Twenty-five of the musicians made All-County B Band and four earned seats in the All-State orchestra.

In the fall, the Troubadours marched away from contests with two superior and one excellent ratings.

Majorettes, flag corps, and drum major also scored high at these events.

Newspaper Rates

SPOTLIGHT received two All-American awards from the National Scholastic Press Association and second place in its division in state competition.

The lunchroom headed by manager Gwen Mitchell was presented a Child Nutrition banner by the State School Food Service for creating interest and color at lunch during America's bicentennial year.

Athletes Win

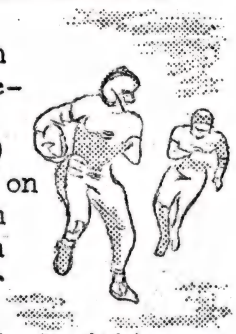
Also, MHS once again proved her excellence in the field of sports during 1976.

The Bulldog cagers shot their way to the state playoffs where they took second place in 2A classification and their coach, Richard Gilliam, made state history by being named the first coach ever to coach both all-star football and basketball teams for the state in the same year.

Volleyball Is Tops

The girls' volleyball team coached by PE teacher Dot Bishop won county and district titles and fourth place in state 2A rankings.

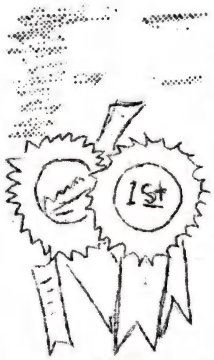
Football Is 'Best'



Bulldog gridmen with the best record in 16 years (10-2) also got in on the act with Thomas Brown gaining over 1000 yards for a second straight year.

The Bulldogs again went to the state playoffs as Area 4 champs. After defeating Hokes Bluff, they fell to Elmore County who won the state title.

The Special Ed classes brought more honors to MHS by winning numerous events in the Special Olympics. A total of 11 students took ribbons at the event.



The varsity cheerleaders rated tops in 1976, earning four superior ribbons, a superstar ribbon, and a certificate of excellence at the annual University of Tennessee cheerleading clinic.

One giant step, not only for MHS but also other Shelby County Schools toward women's rights was the raise in coaching supplements won by female PE teachers.

MHS coach Dot Bishop was among the group to ask for and receive the extra pay from the Shelby County Education Board.

Renovation Finished

The $709,141 renovation of MHS was completed in '76.

Improvements included an enlarged library, new air conditioning and heating units, new wiring, lowered ceilings, new windows and doors, carpeting, redwood paneling; and remodeling of the office, lunchroom, bandroom, and restrooms.

As part of the bicentennial celebration MHSers planted a liberty tree on the front campus in July.

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TALKING IT OVER

Principal W. C. Corbett explains schedule of duties to teacher Delilah Robinson who replaces Mr. Dan Martin at MHS.

Replacement for Mr. Dan Martin--

Alumna Returns to Teach

SECOND SEMESTER BROUGHT a new face to the MHS faculty. Mrs. Delilah Smith Robinson, a former MHSer herself, replaces Mr. Dan Martin who resigned at the end of the first semester to enter the ministry.

Mrs. Robinson, a 1963 graduate, received her BA degree from the University of Montevallo. She has taught at Chilton County High School, West End High School, and Montevallo Middle School.

At MMS she instructed classes in remedial reading.

Her MHS duties include teaching Spanish I and II and freshman English and sponsoring Spanish club.

"I think I will enjoy teaching here and am proud of the changes that have occurred through the years at MHS," Mrs. Robinson says.

She is married to Mr. Larry Robinson. They have a $4\frac{1}{2}$-year old daughter.

Connie Goggins Wins Title As Family Living Leader

SENIOR CONNIE LAWRENCE GOGGINS is MHS's 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. As winner, Connie is now eligible for state and national honors.

A National Honor Society member, Connie was named to the Society of Distinguished American High School students this year. She is also a member of FHA and FBLA. She is the first married student at MHS to win the honor. Her husband is Jerry Goggins of Wilton.

Earlier in the year, Connie and other senior girls took the Search for Leadership in Family Living Test provided by General Mills and administered at MHS by guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

"The test took a lot of thought, and I am surprised that I won," Connie says.

Last year's winner was Lorraine Klemenc who rated among the top 25 "leaders" in Alabama.

The state winner who is selected from the school winners receives a $1,500 scholarship to the college of her choice. The runner-up is awarded a $500 grant.

FUTURE LEADER

Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony discusses Betty Crocker Test with MHS winner Connie Goggins.

Scholars Earn Ribbons--

11th Grade Has Most A's

Juniors led as 25 students made the all-A honor roll when first semester reports were issued last week. Blue ribbons were awarded to those making the top list with 90 or above on all subjects. Students maintaining an average of 85 (with no semester grades of less than 70) received red ribbons to indicate second honor roll.

All-A seniors are Lynne Davis, Connie Goggins, John Klemenc, Amy Knowles, Pam Pendleton, Cindy Smitherman, and Anita Spicer. Eighteen others made the second list.

Juniors Mike Beers, Sandra Boothe, Kathy Glosson, Greg Hardin, Becky Lesley, Mary Sherrer, Iris Smitherman, and Mary Jane Wyatt composed the longest class list of A scholars. Twenty-two 11th graders also made the B honor roll.

Sophomores earning 90 or above include Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Shawn Spicer, Emily Steele, and Marsha Zahumensky. Twenty earned second honors.

Freshmen with top averages were Deandrea Cole, Jennifer Dailey, Karen Jones, Ann Klemenc, and Edna Williams. Twenty-eight were named to B honor roll.

One special ed student was also on the "B" list.

Musicians Shine At State Contest

The Troubadours proved themselves once again by earning 10 superior ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Samford University Jan. 28.

Greg Hardin, Mary Wyatt, Johnny and Tommy Owen each ranked superior for solo performances.

A flute duet and trio received "1" ratings. Four larger groups also earned superior marks--the brass ensemble, a low brass quartet, a trumpet quartet, and a woodwind quartet.

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Open House Reset

PTA Open House at MHS originally set for Monday night has been postponed.

It is rescheduled for March 7 according to PTA president George Dailey.

Gas Problem Halts Schools

MHSers received an unscheduled four-day vacation Jan. 18-21 due to natural gas shortages in Shelby County as temperatures fell to record lows.

Then on Jan. 31 schools were closed once again due to one-half inch of snow and icy road conditions.

The holidays changed the fifth 6-weeks schedule, which will now end a week later on Mar. 4. First semester report cards were delayed until last week.

A decision has not yet been made as to when these days will be made up according to Principal W.C. Corbett.

It's News Downtown--

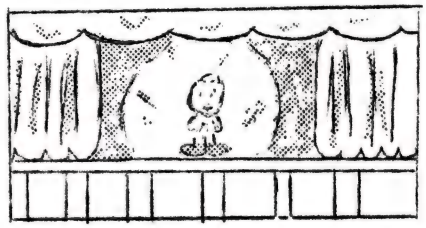
UM Schedules College Night

University of Montevallo will hold its annual College Night next week, Feb. 10, 11, 12, at Palmer Auditorium.

Leaders for the Gold team are Mike Bohorfoysh and Janet McClaughlin. Purple leaders are Ted Fenn and Inge Hinrichs.

The theme of the Gold's performance is "In the Face of the Dawn." Purples are using "Depression Follies" for their show.

Hungry MHSers should enter tomorrow's Top Dog eating contest in front of the cafe. The event which



features a portable TV as first prize is sponsored by owners John Draper and Cathy Ladewig.

Each contestant, except the winner, must pay for the food he consumes.

In case of bad weather, the contest will be postponed until next Saturday.

Area Girl Scouts have just completed taking orders for their annual cookie sale.

Boxes will be delivered Feb. 25-Mar.5.

Proceeds from the event are used at camps for building and equipment.

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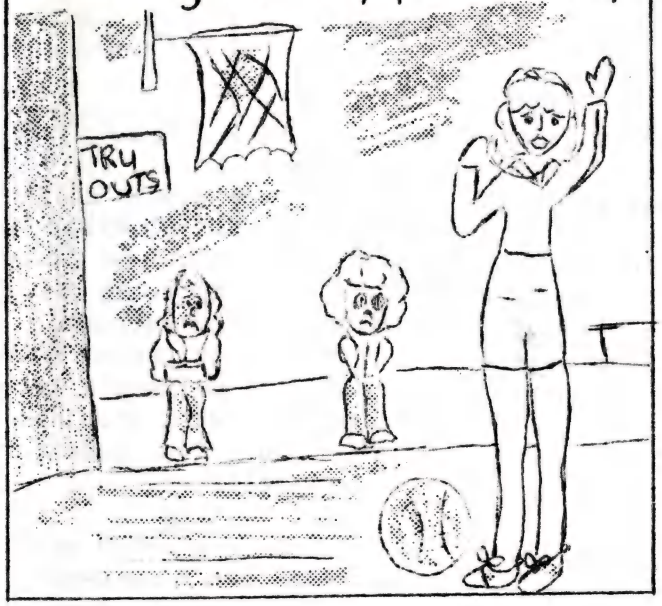
Missing an Opportunity



Do Girls Want Sports?

Female sports have never reached the prominance of male competitive sports in the United States. However, today efforts are underway to correct this situation.

At MHS girls' volleyball has been a success the last few years. Then this year Shelby County YMCA was to head a league of girls' basketball teams to promote this sport. However, only Pelham High "recruited" the number needed for a team. While it is true that some players were upset that a fee was needed for supplies, it is shocking that not even 15 girls at MHS were interested enough to try out for the team.

Certainly no one can expect women's sports to improve until the females themselves are willing to work for this also.

Group Appreciates Offer

Principal W. C. Corbett recently received this letter from the Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau on behalf of the Shelby County Big Brothers.

Dear Mr. Corbett:

On behalf of the Shelby County Big Brothers I would like to say thank you for your concern and assistance in offering to let the Big Brother and Little Brother in to basketball games at your school free of charge. We appreciate you affording an opportunity for a fatherless boy and a Big Brother to spend time together enjoying an athletic contest. . . .

If there is any way that we may be of assistance to your school, please give us a call as we are looking forward to serving you.

Sincerely,
John M. Eades
Counselor/Coordinator

Lincoln Has Part In Black Heritage

Abraham Lincoln, the nation's sixteenth president, was born on Feb. 12. He is still well remembered today for the Emancipation Proclamation which abolished slavery.

Hence it is appropriate that February has been proclaimed "Black Heritage Month" since it is the birthmonth of this president who did so much to advance personal freedoms which mean so much to the black race.

MHS Wraps up

Some students complain because school thermostats are now set at 65°.

MHSers should willingly accept this situation and do their part to help save natural gas by wearing extra clothing or coats in the classroom.

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Scholarships Are Prizes--

Club Prepares for Tourney

MHS's math team, which has been in "training" since October, will compete at the SamfordInvitational Mathematics Tournament next Saturday. The mathematicians will try for more than $9,000 in scholarship awards against more than 1,200 students from at least 100 high schools from Alabama and the Southeast.

Senior John Klemenc is the only returning member from last year's team which was runner-up to Jemison High School in the small school division. Greg Hardin, Chuck Reynolds, and Ricky Williams round out this year's squad headed by Coach Doug Morris, MHS math teacher.

Mr. Morris comments, "I am very pleased with the hard work this group has done and am optimistic concerning the outcome of the event."

As Good As Poe, Teacher Says--

Classes See Pierce Movie

Senior English students viewed "The Boarded Window," a film based on a short story of the same title by Ambrose Pierce, before Christmas. "It was exciting and well done on film. The students and teachers who saw it were overwhelmed," exclaims teacher Ann Parker.

"It was really kind of scary," says senior Katrina Gilbert as she recalls one scene in which a panther came through a window.

Mrs. Parker explains that Ambrose Pierce wrote two books of short stories and later some wise sayings "which are very cynical."

She adds, "He's not as famous but as good as Poe."

In addition, she says, "I know that Pierce's other short story, "Occurrence at Owl Creek," is done beautifully on film. I have it scheduled for May."

Shortages Bring 'Cool' Schoolrooms

Chillier classrooms are a result of Gov. George Wallace's Jan. 25 action to help alleviate severe natural gas shortages.

Gov. Wallace stated thermostats should be set at 65°F during the school day. The cutback will allow industries to continue working.

Shelby County superintendent Elvin Hill had already made a similar suggestion to the principals after schools were closed Jan. 18-21 due to heating problems.

At this point, school auditoriums nor gyms may be heated for any reason.

10th Graders Find Interests, Study Careers

Sophomore English classes are presently studying a unit on occupations coordinated by guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

The study began with Mrs. Cathy Bearden's sections and will soon continue in Miss Jennifer Jones's classes.

Testing

Students started study by taking the Kuder General Interest Survey. Results of this survey show one where his interests lie in a wide range of activities.

The sophomores are now completing career notebooks in which they research three occupations that interest them and other activities related to selecting a profession.

To Visit Center

After the unit is completed, the 10th graders will visit Shelby County Area Vocational Center in Columbiana.

"Tenth graders are at a stage where some important decisions must be made. We hope the unit and visit to the Center will be helpful to them in making these decisions about their futures," Mrs. Anthony explains.

Holidays Delay Newspaper

This issue of SPOTLIGHT is a week late due to MHS being closed Jan. 18-21 because of gas shortages and cold weather. Therefore, the publication schedule for the rest of the semester has changed.

Unless schools are closed again, the staff plans to publish the newspaper on the regular two-weeks basis. The next issue is now set for Feb. 18.

It Simply Spells Love

VALENTINE'S DAY is a time for:

--loving and sharing
--giving sweets to someone special
--sending cards to friends
--eating heart-shaped candy
--attending "sweetheart" banquets
--children exchanging valentines
--Cupid stringing his bow
--drawing red hearts
--receiving unexpected packages
--flowers, smiles and LOVE!

Package Arrives Late

Waiting is finally over! On Jan. 25 HERO members at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center received a long overdue package. It contained seeds from the nation's Independence Tree.

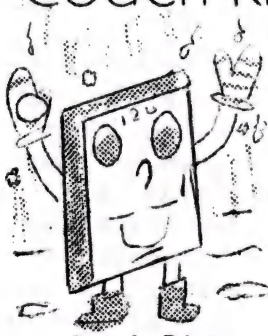
The seeds, ordered over a year and a half ago, had almost been forgotten by everyone--including the club advisers.

"We were so disappointed when they failed to arrive for our bicentennial tree planting ceremony," remarks sponsor Connie Adams. "But we used a native dogwood instead, so we just really didn't think about them anymore. The Center's horticulture class provided the substitute for us," she adds.

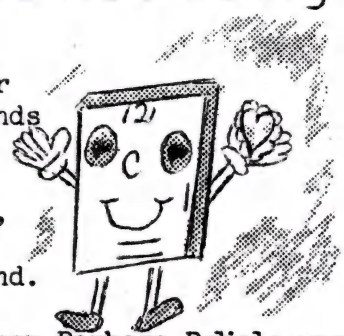
The seeds were collected from a tree planted by George Washington at Mt. Vernon, Feb. 28, 1785. The tree, which is thought to have been germinated in 1776, is known as the Independence Tree.

Locker Laughs--

Coach Knows Where He's Going



Little hearts
Will fill the air
Though chilly winds
Are everywhere!
The roundballers
Seem state bound,
And student puns
Still float around.



Coach Richard Gilliam, driving the basketball bus homeward from Briarwood, started out the entrance drive.

One of the players remarked, "Hey, this is a one-way street, Coach."

"I know," Coach said; "I'm just going one way."

As senior Pam Guthrie looked into her cracked compact mirror, junior Vanessa Cottingham wanted to know, "Who broke it?"

When Pam said she did not know, junior Vivian Hernandez suggested, "You probably did just by looking into it."

In 4th period English teacher Barbara Belisle was discussing one of the "dead people's" parts in the play "Our Town."

When she explained that the dead person would say, "Hello," junior Cathy Belisle quipped, "I would say 'What's been going on' and 'What's happening.'"

Classmate Vickie Lilly quickly answered, "Oh, nothing much -- just lying around."

During 5th period history teacher Danny Cooper was discussing slang. He asked the class how old was "far out."

Junior Marla Jones quickly quipped, "It's far out!"

Ele-Mid Notes--

Books, Shrubs Headline News

Montevallo Elementary School's Book Fair of paper back books began last Thursday. According to Principal Doris Jeter the event is primarily to encourage children to read and own their own books.

"We have a good selection of books for the pupils to choose from," says Mrs. Jeter.

New shrubbery adorns the front lawn of Montevallo Middle School. Mr. Ben Peete and the Montevallo Garden Club are responsible for the recently planted bushes.

MMS's yearbook . sale ended last week with 150 orders. The books will be delivered in April.

For the first time at MMS honor roll ribbons will be presented today to students making first honors.

New Pride Comes with Remodeling

JANUARY 14 ENDED THE FIRST FULL SEMESTER at MHS in the renovated buildings without construction noises, building supplies and workmen everywhere. Improvements on the $709,141 reconstruction provided by the Shelby County Board of Education include new ceilings, lockers, wiring, windows, doors, stairs, intercoms, synchronized bells and clocks, and air conditioning-heating systems, paneling, carpeting, and remodeled restrooms, library, office, bandroom, and cafeteria.

All faculty and staff members agree that the additions and repairs have made MHS an "unbelievable learning facility." Mr. Charles Kidd, vocational ag teacher whose classroom was located last year in a mobile unit, remarks, "I feel like a person who has moved from a shack into a mansion." He adds that he now has more working space and doesn't have to worry about the roof leaking or changing locations when there is a threat of a tornado since he began teaching in two remodeled basement rooms.

Builds School Spirit

Principal W. C. Corbett agrees that the "like-new" buildings have added much to MHS. "We have more school spirit, better over-all grades, much more pride in our school, and fewer discipline problems than ever before this year." He attributes these improvements to the comfortable modern surroundings.

Mr. James Hermecz adds, "The building is much more comfortable and clean. Such a pleasant atmosphere is more conducive to learning; and after all, that's what we're here for."

"Renovation has made a whole new world of our school. The attractive comfortable environment seems to cause everyone to want to do his best," typewriting teacher Susie DeMent observes.

Newcomer Coach Kurt Pnazek says he likes the way the students take pride in the school, which he feels is influenced by the "beautiful" buildings.

"Since I am a 1967 MHS graduate, I can certainly appreciate the nice new facilities. It is a real pleasure to work in such a good environment," notes teacher David Nichols.

Agribusiness instructor Tim Wiggins agrees, "I believe such a nice warm facility as this one helps create a better learning situation for students."

Beautiful, Bright

"It's good to have a beautiful, bright, roomy

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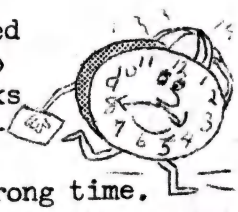
Clocks Move up



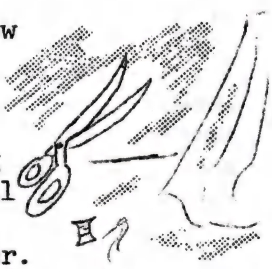
Unless MHSers added a second to their clocks as 1977 began, they have the wrong time.

Scientists discovered the earth's spinning around the sun has slowed one second this year. An official for the National Bureau of Standards says, "The extra second is needed to keep atomic clocks synchronized to the spin of the earth.

The second was added Dec. 31, 1976.

Ag Department Decorated--

Students Make Office Drapes



The specialized home ec class is now preparing drapes for agribusiness instructor Tim Wiggins's office in the vocational building.

Home economics teacher Junnie Craig and the students purchased the material and other sewing notions while on a field trip at Hancock Fabrics in Hoover.

The drapes are near completion; and Mrs. Craig observes, "The girls are doing a beautiful job, especially since this is their first time to work with draperies. To me they have somewhat of a professional look to them," she adds.

Fellows Answer Females

FHA members were surprised at their last meeting to find two males awaiting them. Senior Michael Gilbert and Sophomore Patrick Sims were the two who joined the all-female session for a special program.

Girls asked them questions about dating and what qualities they looked for in girls. Both visitors agreed that character is important to them.

They also gave their opinions on girls calling boys, shy girls, frequency of dates, and other areas in which club members were interested in learning a man's point of view.

Club sponsors are teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins.

"Secretaries Need to Organize"--

Speaker Gives Job Pointers

"You must learn to organize your time to be a successful secretary," guest speaker Pam Pruitt told future secretaries at their Jan. 25 club meeting. "Try to make good use of every single second," she added.

Miss Pruitt, who demonstrates and sells IBM machines, spoke to the MHS group on obtaining jobs and getting ahead in business.

A person should try to look neat, natural, and "should not be afraid of looking feminine when going for an interview," she emphasized.

Enthusiasm, consideration, assertiveness, ability to hold one's temper, and avoiding coyness are important personal traits for a woman in the business world according to Miss Pruitt.

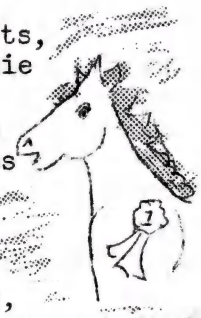
"Most importantly, be true to yourself if you want to get ahead," Miss Pruitt concluded.

Seniors Look Ahead

Seniors ordered invitations and calling cards from L. C. Balfour Co. on Jan. 27.

In addition the class measured for and ordered caps and gowns from the DeMowlin Brothers and Co. in Illinois.

Ag Group Takes Tours



Quality Meats, Inc., and Lonnie Russell Farms were the sites of agribusiness trips before the Christmas holidays.

The classes, traveling by bus, visited the two locations on different days.

At the farm the students viewed livestock and saw a $100,000 horse. While at the meat plant, they watched the slaughtering process.

Teacher Tim Wiggins explains, "The unit we were studying was livestock. I feel the time spent was an enjoyable adventure."

Remodeling Pleases--(Cont'd)

atmosphere to work and learn in," says Mrs. Barbara Belisle. Art instructor Ann Parker says she "loves the lowered noise level and the 'wonderful' sink in her room."

The heating and cooling system is the best addition of the school's reconstruction according to Mr. Johnnie McClain.

Likes the Extra Space

Librarian Anne Milford says she could cite many improvements that she likes, but her favorite is the additional space in the library which gives adequate room for "books, materials, and more students."

Teacher Joanna McGaughy feels the safety measures added are her choice of outstanding features while Mrs. Cathy Bearden specifies carpeting which absorbs almost all hall and classroom sounds as the best improvement.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony lists the tiled restrooms, carpeted floors, and the "marvelous" lighting as the biggest improvements.

Perhaps the most noteworthy observation for alumni and others who have admired MHS's architecture planning throughout the years is that of history teacher Danny Cooper who says, "It retains the old style but has modern features."

Belisle, Van Valkenburg Win Big Ones--

Trophy Time Points out Stars

COACHES, TEAMMATES, and boosters looked on at the Awards Banquet Jan. 15 as Bulldogs Billy Belisle and Craig Van Valkenburg took the two most coveted trophies in football at MHS. Billy won the Principal's Trophy for having the highest scholastic average among athletes and Craig, having been selected by the coaches for athletic ability, leadership, character, and scholarship, received the Theron Fisher Award.

Many Earn Prizes

Other winners include Dennis Brown, Big Play Award; Thomas Brown, Captain's Trophy, Most Valuable Offensive Back, and Spirit Award; Alvin Connell, Coaches' Gut Award; Shane Connell, Most Improved Back; and Sidney Fields, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman.

Also winners were Darrell Lawley, Coaches' Gut Award; Jeff Lucas, Most Valuable Defensive Back; Maurice Reed, Headhunter; Tim Ross, Co-Captain's Trophy, Most Valuable Defensive Lineman; Freddie Thompson, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman.

Cheerleaders Honored Too

In addition, varsity and B team cheerleaders and junior varsity, B team, and varsity football players were awarded certificates.

Boosters president Mary Ross presented gift certificates to the coaches.

Livingston Guest

Head football coach at Livingston University Jim King was guest speaker. He used "Small Colleges in

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Bulldogs Get 'Edgy' Victory

Accuracy at the free throw line and a 22-point performance from Sidney Fields gave MHS a 56-55 win over Marion last Tuesday.

The 'Dogs hit 10 for 13 foul shots with James Reed collecting 4 for 4.

A last minute surge by the Rams almost snatched the victory away.

With only 1:06 remaining the 'Dogs held a "seemingly comfortable" lead (56-46) but watched as the onrushing Rams put through 9 unanswered points.

Scoring by Quarters

Dogs	14	10	20	12	56
Rams	14	12	10	19	55

Volleyball for Males--

PE Instructors Swap Groups

PHYS ED TEACHERS Dot Bishop and Richard Gilliam have traded classes for this six weeks. The two participated in a similar exchange last year, but at that time students chose between gymnastics with Miss Bishop and basketball with Coach Gilliam. This year all females will take basketball and all boys will have volleyball.

Miss Bishop hopes "to teach the boys basic techniques and skills in volleyball." She says, "I'm excited about teaching this group which hasn't been exposed to very much volleyball."

Mr. Gilliam plans to teach the girls fundamentals of basketball "in hopes of arousing interest in the sport itself."

An intermediate group may also be formed if there are enough skilled students to form such a group, he notes.

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Brown Breaks Record; 'Dogs Win

SCORING 19 POINTS in the first half of the game, Thomas Brown broke the school's career scoring record as the Bulldogs defeated Shelby County at Columbiana Friday night 78-57. The record, 1207 points, was held by Eddie Lovelady ('69). Averaging 15 points a game this season, Brown finished the night with 27 points, making his total 1216 thus far.

In Friday night's encounter the Wildcats matched the Dogs' scoring for one-half of the first quarter, but by the end of the period MHS was ahead 19-12. From there on the Bulldogs were never headed; and with the count 65-45 and six minutes left, Coach Kurt Pnazek gave his starting five the rest of the night off.

The meeting was the third for the two county rivals this year. MHS took all three--76-57; 60-53; 78-57.

THREE BIG B'S

Shelby County Tournament's MVP B-team player Otto Fields (left) relaxes with all-tournament teammates Kenneth Bell and Earl Hayes.

3 B Teamers; 2 Varsity Men--

Bulldogs Star in Tourney

MONTEVALLO PLACED THREE members on the all-tournament B team and two seniors on the varsity squad when the selections were made at the close of the Shelby County Basketball Tournament Jan. 21 at Pelham.

After MHS took first place, B teamer Otto Fields claimed the big prize. With coaches as judges, Fields received a trophy as the tournament's most valuable B team player. His teammates Kenneth Bell and Earl Hayes also made the all-tournament selection.

Coach Pleased

B team coach Richard Gilliam, with only praise for the 6'2" forward's performance, says "Otto contributed a lot on beating Thompson's press. He made a number of big defensive plays for us."

2 Varsity Honored

Thomas Brown and Henry Pope were varsity players named for the all-tournament selection. This was the second year for Brown, all-state last year, to earn the award.

"I was happy we got two players on the team," says Coach Kurt Pnazek.

"Both men played well and deserved the honor," he adds.

Thompson Falls 45-41--

B Team Brings Home Trophy

MONTEVALLO'S B TEAM, under Coach Richard Gilliam, nosed out a favored Thompson 45-41 to bring home first place Shelby County Basketball Tournament honors. Earlier in the season Thompson, seeded No. 1, had defeated the 'Pups 46-43 at Thompson.

The champs took host team Pelham easily 55-33 in the opening round and then breezed by Indian Springs 56-15 to move into the finals against the "Red Men."

MVP Otto Fields led Montevallo with 18 points in the championship battle against the Warriors.

Coach Gilliam comments, "We played our best ball and we were really peaked for the tournament.

"We had set our goals to win the county title early in the season."

Fields was top scorer against Indian Springs. He hit 10 points. Hayes led against Pelham with 14.

The 'Pups continued to win and extended their record to 8 - 2 as they downed Briarwood in their first game following the tournament.

They topped the Lions 43-26. Keith Gilmore's 10 points was game high.

SEASON NEARS END

Only seven games remain on the schedule of the B team.

Bulldogs 54; Lions 37--

Montevallo Downs Briarwood

In their first outing following the county tournament the Bulldogs took the road and defeated the Briarwood Lions 54-37 Jan. 25. A private school, Briarwood is coached by former MHS coach Gary Fleming who led the Bulldogs to two state titles (1974, 1975).

All-county men Thomas Brown and Henry Pope paced the Bulldog victory with 16 and 12 points respectively. Bill Nelson had 10 points to head the Lions' offense.

"I was real pleased to see the team come back the way they did after the tournament loss," noted Coach Kurt Pnazek. "The real key was good defense," he added.

Montevallo Takes Second--

Thompson Wins County Title

WHILE "BIG RED" FANS ROCKED the Pelham gym with screams of "We're No. 1," the Warriors proved their claim to that rank a second straight year as they easily disposed of Montevallo 68-38 in the Shelby County Tournament finals Jan. 21. In earlier rounds the champs had clobbered Chelsea 97-28 and slammed Vincent 65-49.

Bulldogs Go Cold

The title match was a typical Bulldog-Warrior shoot-out until the Bulldogs, with the count at 10-10, had three quick turnovers and ran out of ammunition. The Warriors sank 12 unanswered shots; and though they kept battling, the Bulldogs were never back in the game.

Three THS Guns

Thompson's three "hot shots," Alonzo Green, Glen Marcus, and Perry Oden, kept firing away. Green ended the match with a game high of 24 points, Marcus hit 20, and Oden, 14.

Sidney Fields, with 10 points, was the only Bulldog to reach the double figure column.

Score by Quarters

MHS	10	12	6	10 - 38
THS	18	23	12	15 - 68

Calera Is Stubborn

In the first round MHS defeated Calera 44-37.

The contest proved a real squeaker until the Bulldogs' 15 points in the final quarter gave them a little breathing room.

Brown, named to the all-county team along with Fields, led the 'Dogs with 22 points.

In the semi-finals with Shelby, Brown again paced Montevallo. His 28 points that night was a tournament high.

The Bulldogs led the 'Cats 33-24 at halftime.

Season Has 7 Games Left

Seven regular basketball games--four of them on the road--remain for the Bulldogs before area playoffs.

Here is the remaining schedule:

Feb. 4	Vincent	H
8	Bibb County.	T
11	Winterboro .	T
15	Vincent	T
18	Thompson ...	UM
22	W. Blocton .	T
25	F. Marion ..	H

Win in Overtime, 57-55--

Bulldogs Outlast Hornets

IT TOOK EXTRA TIME to do it, but the Bulldogs defeated the Dallas County Hornets 57-55 at Montevallo, Jan. 14.

In the overtime Henry Pope hit for two points, and Hornet Ronald Jackson answered. Then MHS's leading scorer Thomas Brown clinched the game with a field goal and two free throws.

Hornets Come Back

Down 22-14 at halftime, a strong comeback by the Hornets tied the score at the end of regulation play. Jackson was leading pointgetter for Dallas County. He scored 14.

Coach Kurt Pnazek says, "Our inside men, Sidney Fields and James Reed made some clutch plays in the second half.

"Dallas County was a well-coached ball club, but we were just a hair quicker, and I think this made the difference."

Brown, Terence Chappell, and Pope all hit double figure scores for Montevallo. Brown had 14; Pope 11; and Chappell, 10.

No Return Game

MHS and Dallas play only once each season.

Trophies--(Cont'd)

Alabama" as his subject.

Special awards went to loyal supporters Principal W. C. Corbett, business teacher Susie DeMent, and team chaplain Rev. Larry Acton.

"More effort was put into this banquet than in any since I have been at Montevallo," praised Coach Richard Gilliam. "I really appreciate all the Boosters do for us."

The event was sponsored by the Athletics Boosters.

Math Team Places Third at Samford

MHS'S MATH TEAM took third place at the Samford Invitational Mathematics Tournament in Birmingham last Saturday.

Teacher Doug Morris coaches the group, composed of juniors Greg Hardin and Chuck Reynolds and seniors John Klemenc and Ricky Williams.

Jemison Wins First

First place in the meet went to Jemison and second place to Lowndes County High School.

Montevallo's entries expressed disappointment in themselves. Greg comments, "I made mistakes in cipher-ing that were clearly due to pressure."

Alternates Stand By

Alternate team members who attended the contest also were Leslee Balluchie, Rene Davis, Karen Morris, Gay Perkins, Emily Steele, Lynne Sawyer, and Marsha Zahumensky.

The mathematicians will have another chance to show their abilities as they compete in the Jefferson State Invitational Mathematics Tournament Mar. 25.

NOW, SEE HERE!
Teacher Doug Morris gives tournament tips to math team members (l-r) John Klemenc, Ricky Williams, Chuck Reynolds, and Greg Hardin.

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4 Get State Positions--

Musicians Face County Test

TODAY AND TOMORROW ARE IMPORTANT days for Troubadours as they try for positions in All-County Bands at the University of Montevallo. Band members in grades 8 and 9 are auditioning today for the junior high All-County Band while tomorrow is the day for upperclassmen to compete for seats in the senior All-County Band.

District Coming Up

District competition for the Troubadours is Mar. 3-5 at Tarrant High School where the band will play "Chimes of Liberty" by Edwin F. Goldman, "Matrix" by Mike Leckrone, and "Tamerlane" by Frank Erickson.

4 Earn State Positions

Last Saturday in tryouts at Vestavia four MHS musicians were selected as members of All-State Bands.

Mary Jane Wyatt, flute, placing first in the district, won the state honor for the third year.

James Lawrence, first in the district on the tuba, and Shawn Spicer, second on tenor sax, are two-time state winners, while Gerald Walker, trombone, was named to a state position for the first time.

Teachers Meeting Scheduled Mar. 3

MHSers will enjoy a half holiday Mar. 3 while their teachers attend the Shelby County Teachers Association meeting in Columbiana at 2:00 p.m.

Earlier a half day for another instructor's session was cancelled when schools were closed due to gas shortages. The meeting which was set for Jan. 20 has not yet been rescheduled according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

Teacher Takes 'Baby' Leave

English and journalism teacher Cathy Bearden began a leave from MHS Wednesday to await the birth of her baby. Mrs. Linda Sproul, a former teacher, is substituting for her.

Mrs. Sproul was a SPOTLIGHT adviser and taught journalism and sophomore English from 1973 until 1975.

On Feb. 4 various students from Mrs. Bearden's classes surprised her with a baby shower.

"I'll miss everyone, but I hope to be back for the last six weeks this year," Mrs. Bearden says.

Junior President--

McCarey Wins

Terry McCarey was elected junior class president last week. Other officers chosen on the same ballot are Mike Beers, vice president; Vonna Carson, secretary; and Iris Smitherman, treasurer.

Junior volunteers were selected for the theme committee of this year's Junior-Senior Prom scheduled for Apr. 23 at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Vestavia.

Teachers Cathy Bearden, Barbara Belisle, and Danny Cooper are class sponsors.

Center Offers 3 More Courses

Tentative plans call for three new courses to be offered next fall at Shelby County Area Vocational Center. The courses are cosmetology, graphic communication, and small gasoline engine repair.

Courses will be offered sophomores and juniors.

After completing the cosmetology course at the Center, students will take the state examination test to become a licensed cosmetologist.

Twirlers Plan Clinic

Troubadour majorettes will sponsor a twirling clinic Feb. 21-Mar. 4.

They will be preparing participants for MHS's majorette tryouts to be held later in the year.

Cost is $10.

College Awards '76 Grad Credit

Principal W. C. Corbett received a letter congratulating MHS on its excellent foreign language program.

The message came from Mr. Jerry L. Kasparek, head of the department of foreign language at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., where Lorraine Klemenc VanElls has been given free college credit for lower level Spanish.

To earn the credit she successfully completed a foreign language exam according to Mr. Kasparek.

Lorraine's Spanish background came from the instruction of former MHS teacher Dan Martin who recently resigned from MHS to enter the ministry.

It's News Downtown--

County Studies Child Abuse

The Department of Pensions and Security will sponsor a community forum on child abuse and neglect Mar. 7 at Shelby County High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The forum's purpose is to inform citizens of how to recognize abused and neglected children and how to report these cases.

As UM began the second semester recently, its enrollment reached approximately 3,000 according to the Department of Admissions and Record.

The University of Montevallo's Speech and Theatre Department will present "The Killing of Sister George" at 8 p.m. Feb. 25-26 in Reynolds Theatre.

For tickets, call 665-2521, ext. 254.

Last Saturday night marked the Purples' fourth victory in a row as they once again defeated the Golds at the University of Montevallo's annual College Night.

The productions were dedicated to UM dance instructor Jeanette Crew.

Friends—Win or Lose

Fans Depict School

AS THE TIME NEARS for MHS to host the Area Basketball Tournament, athletes and spectators should realize the importance of good sportsmanship.

First, each student should keep in mind that he is representing MHS and take either victory or defeat in stride.

In addition, one should accept officials' decisions as final and not criticize either opponents or game officials.

Finally, MHS fans must realize that good sportsmanship and MHS's reputation are more important than any game and should conduct themselves in a fitting manner at all times at all games.

Guilty Ones Should Comply

ALL SCHOOL THERMOSTATS are to be set at 65°. Not only have Principal W. C. Corbett and Shelby County Superintendent of Education Elvin Hill suggested this, but also Gov. George Wallace and President Jimmy Carter.

A spot check last week showed that several MHS classrooms had thermostats at 70, 75, and even 80 degrees.

Perhaps all teachers should check the thermostat regularly and even lock the clear cases to prevent anyone's tampering with the settings so MHS will truly do her share in conserving energy.

Back Stage Needs Work

Even though the draperies purchased last May for the auditorium are beautiful, the old backdrop curtains, sadly in need of repair, distract from any performance on the stage.

Improvement of the back stage could be a project for some MHS group this year. Although no organization may have necessary funds to purchase new curtains, the old ones could be taken down and the walls painted to give a brighter appearance in the area.

Tree Needs 'Student' Care

MHS's Liberty Tree which was planted last June to celebrate America's Bicentennial has been severely damaged by carelessness. A break has shortened the tree which had reached a height of 44 inches to about one-half its size.

It is not known whether the tree will survive, but Principal W. C. Corbett says plans have been made to replace the tree if it dies.

Everyone should try to take care of the existing tree or its replacement so it may be saved for posterity.

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Some Have Royal Blood--

Juniors Discover Ancestors

Teacher Danny Cooper recently gave his junior history classes the opportunity to trace their families' histories. Many of the students found important facts about their ancestors while completing the semester project.

Jerry McDermott learned one of his McDermott ancestors was the great grandson of Tadgh O'Connor, an 11th century king of Connacht.

Legislator Is Kin

Nan Jones discovered she has an important legislator forefather. He was Lyman Hall who signed the nation's Declaration of Independence.

A member of the French royalty was found in Tommy Ingram's "roots," and Iris Smitherman traced her bloodline to Holland. She also found that two of her great, great, grandfathers fought in the American Civil War.

Davy Crockett Appears

In addition, Mary Sherrer discovered the famous frontiersman Davy Crockett was a member of her family and Sheri Barrow learned that one of her ancestors was an Indian princess.

Teacher Offers Help

Mr. Cooper urges any student who would like to trace his family tree to begin with himself, then go to parents and grandparents and find as much as possible about their birthplaces, marriages, death certificates, burial grounds, and other pertinent information.

He also suggests that anyone may contact him for further help.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR ACT

The deadline for registering to take Apr. 2 ACT is Mar. 7.

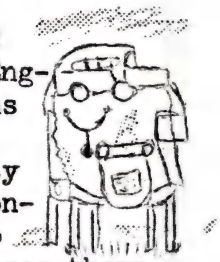
Plans Are underway For Spring Plays

The dramatics club plans to present 2 one-act plays in the spring. They are "The Death of the Old Man" and "A Song of Louise in the Morning."

Tentative plans are for them to be performed before the public on MHS's stage at night.

The club raised $130 from their first production, "The Little Match Girl." Club sponsor Barbara Belisle says the money may be used to purchase new back drapes for the stage.

Sophs to Tour Area Center



On Mar. 2 10th grade English sessions will visit Shelby County Area Vocational Center to observe classes there.

The trip follows career units taught by English teachers Cathy Bearden and Jennifer Jones.

Those students who are interested in taking courses at the Center next year will return to visit the class in which they have most interest Apr. 6.

CAT Given

Sophomores took the California Achievement Test Wednesday. For the first time the test took only one day to complete rather than the traditional two.

"Much time was saved by having only one answer sheet to fill out this year," guidance counselor Frances Anthony explains.

Vocational Class Serves Lunch

The foods class at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center prepared a luncheon for personnel of the Shelby County Department of Pensions and Security. Approximately forty persons attended the meal according to teacher Connie Adams. She adds that the lunch was held to honor two employees from the department.

Beef stroganoff with rice, broccoli casserole, marinated carrots, pear salad, rolls, strawberry delight and tea were included on the menu.

MHSers who participated in preparing the food are Bill Allen, Nikita Brown, Suzanette Campbell, Ruby Devinner, and Donna Lilly.

As Outstanding Young Farmer--

'73 Grad Wins State Contest

John Baker (MHS '73) and his family have been selected as winner of this year's Alabama Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer Family (Beef Division).

John received a $200 cash prize plus a four-day stay at the Hyatt House in Birmingham and earned a chance to compete in the Southeastern District contest along with the eight other winners. He is now eligible for a chance at a $1,000 award, a free use of a Ford tractor for a week, and a trip to Hawaii.

The youngest entry in the contest held at Gulf Shores, John is married to Regina Corbett Baker (MHS '72), Principal W. C. Corbett's daughter. The Bakers have a four-year-old daughter.

Two other alumnae made news recently at Walker College. Jan Corbett and Jill Reynolds, both '76 graduates, were selected by the school's student body as members of the Homecoming Queen's Court.

Seniors Take Trip

Seniors will go to Nunnelly State Vocational and Technical College at Childersburg Thursday.

They will be on an all-day tour of the institution according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

MHS Receives Accreditation

Montevallo High School has been awarded accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the 52nd consecutive year.

"This is the highest accrediting association to which a high school can belong. It speaks well for the student body, faculty, community, and Board of Education to have been able to accomplish and maintain this membership.

"MHS is one of the few schools in the state that has been a member in good standing for this period of time," Principal W. C. Corbett explains.

Art Club Gains Insight on Crafts

Mrs. Charlotte Foley, mother of senior Charlotte Foley, discussed sewing and crafts at the Feb. 8 session of lively arts.

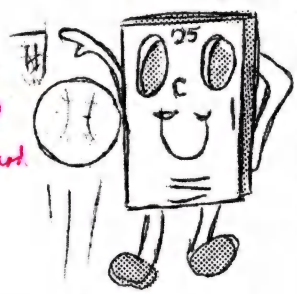
She displayed quilts, pillows, overlays, and a rug which she and friends had made.

Mrs. Foley's handiwork is now on display in the trophy case outside the art room, and some of her patterns are on the bulletin board in the art room.

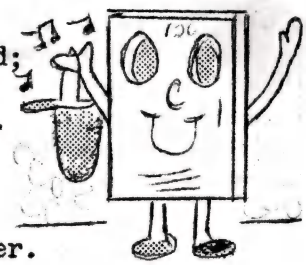
"She's a very talented person. The things she makes are beautiful and must take a lot of time. She gave us numerous ideas on how to make and do our own crafts," senior Anita Daily says.

Locker Laughs--

Multiplication Adds Laughs



Troubadour sounds
Are heard all 'round;
The basketball team
Seems tourney bound.
Cold weather
May bring a tear,
But students
Still laugh and cheer.



In teacher Doug Morris's Algebra II class sophomore Lynn Sawyer looked in the cabinet. Seeing a new calculator sitting beside Mr. Morris's old one, she quipped, "Calculators sure do multiply fast."

Senior Tim Whitfield asked junior Mary Wyatt, "What's wrong with you?"

Mary replied, "I'm a vampire."

"Yeah," Tim laughed, "and you're also a pain in the neck."

Miss Jennifer Jones's English class was about to begin discussion on a new assignment when Timothy Staffney came out with, "I can't stand to come in here."

Miss Jones informed, "Don't stand, sit!"

Senior Alison Cole asked classmate Craig VanValkenburg if he wanted any tape.

"What flavor is it?" Craig asked.

"Scotch," Alison replied.

Coach Says Perhaps Best--

B Team Wins 12 in a Row

"They're the most improved and maybe the best B team I've ever coached," Coach Richard Gilliam proudly says as he speaks of his MHS squad that has racked up a 12-game winning streak.

The Bullpups have continued to do well in the last six games following the Shelby County tournament at Pelham where they won the championship Jan. 21.

Set Sites on Winning

"Many of my teams let down after the tournament, but we set goals after taking first in the county to win our remaining games. We've really been playing consistently," Coach says.

The 'Pups followed their title win with an easy victory over Briarwood 43-26 and continued with two closer battles, gaining a 49-42 victory over Shelby County and a 51-45 licking of Francis Marion.

Two Heartstoppers

A breeze victory over Vincent 53 - 36 and two squeakers, Bibb County (44-43) and Winterboro (43-39), bring the B games up to a 14-2 record.

Earl Hayes and Ken Bell have led the scoring department and Otto Fields is top rebounder for the last six bouts.

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Winner Overlooked

In the last issue of SPOTLIGHT Mark Spence was accidently omitted from the list of winners at the football banquet.

Mark was named the Most Improved Lineman.

P E Classes Play Swapout

After teaching different groups for several weeks, P.E. instructors Dot Bishop and Richard Gilliam are becoming familiar with their new students' skills.

Miss Bishop is teaching the boys volleyball, and Coach Gilliam is instructing the girls basketball.

"I'm enjoying my classes but the girls haven't put as much into basketball as I wish they had," notes Mr. Gilliam. He adds that there is a wide range between those girls who elected basketball last year and the new ones.

"The boys are learning the skills really fast and I enjoy teaching them," comments Coach Bishop.

49 Will Try to Rebuild--

Coach Looks to Football '77

Coach Richard Gilliam met last Thursday with 49 boys interested in playing football next year. He explained the preliminary conditioning program which began Monday. Three days of running and weightlifting each week will prepare the group for spring training.

"Next year will be a rebuilding year for we are losing 13 players from last year's team," he told the group.

Coach Gilliam explained that an intra-squad battle (the Orange and Blue game) will follow spring training and will be held at Bulldog Stadium Friday, Mar. 25 at 1:15 p.m.

The annual Jamboree to be held at Calera High on Mar. 31 will feature Calera vs Chelsea and Montevallo vs Thompson.

Away from Home and Friends--

Bulldogs Beat Bibb, Winterboro

Extending their record to 17-3 the Bulldogs took two basketball games on the road last week, defeating Bibb County 66-48 and Winterboro 61-56.

Coach Kurt Pnazek's "Fighting Five" handled the Bibb Choctaws easily as they raced to a 22-9 first quarter lead. Even though Bibb showed signs of hope and nearly matched the 'Dogs in the other three periods, the Choctaws could not overcome the 13-point deficit.

Thomas Brown and Terence Chappell had 14 points each to lead the Bulldogs; Sidney Fields scored 13. Top man for Bibb was Bo King with 14 points.

Four Bulldogs got into the double figures column last Friday night in their 61-56 win over Winterboro. James Reed's 16 points was high, while T. Brown had 14, Chappell, 12; and Henry Pope, 11.

Earlier this season MHS defeated Winterboro 80-41.

Bulldogs Are Favored--

MHS Will Host Tournaments

IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME AGAIN! During the week, Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 3, 4, 5, Montevallo will host the Area 7 and Region 4 playoffs; and the big question is: Will the Bulldogs "take it all" for the sixth straight year?

Over the past five years Montevallo has defeated Eutaw twice, Ashville, Weaver, and Hokes Bluff in the Region playoffs for the right to advance to state.

MHS Seeded No. 1

At the tournament drawing two weeks ago Area coaches seeded MHS No. 1, followed by Talladega County, West Blocton, and Francis Marion.

Montevallo plays Chelsea in the tournament opener Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The winner advances to the semi-finals at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday against the winner of Tuesday night's Winterboro-Marion game.

TCTS vs Vincent

In other first round action No. 2 seeded Talladega County Training School plays Vincent Feb. 28 at 8:00 and West Blocton and Indian Springs meet at 8:00 on Tuesday, Mar. 1.

Finals, Mar. 4, at 7:30 decide the Area 7 champion which plays Area 8's winner Saturday for a state berth the next week.

'Dogs Split With Vincent

Vincent's Yellowjackets handed MHS a pre-tournament warning Tuesday night as they downed the 'Dogs 44-39 at Vincent. Earl Datcher paced the win with 21 points.

On Feb. 4 at MHS it was a different story as every Bulldog scored in a 67-30 victory over the 'Jackets.

Leading pointmakers for Montevallo were junior Sidney Fields (15) and senior Dannye Young (14).

Bulldog Growls--

Basketball Fans Think State

By Chuck Reynolds

HOPES FOR RETURNING to the state basketball tournament for a sixth straight year are running high at MHS. With a group of players so experienced in state play, Coach Kurt Pnazek's squad's chances look pretty good.

Thomas Brown, a senior forward completing four years of varsity play, and Terry McCarey, a junior in his third year on the varsity, are perhaps the most experienced members of the squad. Both have been on state championship teams.

Other Bulldogs who have felt the pressure of tough state competition are Braddy Brown, Terence Chappell, Sidney Fields, Robert Jemison, Henry Pope, and Maurice Reed.

Few schools have accomplished a 3rd place, two 2nd places, and two state titles in five consecutive years in state play.

The Bulldogs have indeed built a strong tradition in basketball action and this year's team seems determined to carry on the tradition.

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3 Games End Season--

Big Red Comes in Tonight

HOPING FOR THE "BEST TWO OUT OF THREE" Montevallo plays Thompson in basketball tonight for the third time this season. On Dec. 16 the Bulldogs beat the 3A state champion Warriors 58-54, but in the finals of the Shelby County tournament, the Big Red Machine struck back, whipping the 'Dogs 68-38.

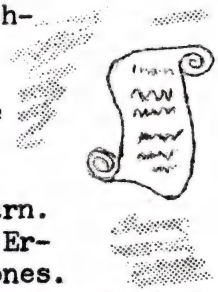
Wants a Challenge

Coach Kurt Pnazek says, "I hope we are well prepared and that Thompson is also ready so this will be a real challenge for both of us." Due to the expected large crowd, the game was moved from the MHS gym which seats approximately 500 to the UM gymnasium.

Blocton and Marion End It Up

The final two games of the season will see the Bulldogs at West Blocton Tuesday and hosting the Marion Rams next Friday. West Blocton is seeded third and Marion fourth in the upcoming Area 7 tournament. Montevallo defeated Marion earlier but has not met Blocton.

Frosh Recite Famous Lines



Students in Miss Jennifer Jones's freshman English classes recited Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" recently.

Since the recitation was a major grade to help students pull up their averages, Miss Jones allowed students to determine how much of the speech they wanted to learn.

Earning 100 points were Angela Evans, Ernest Glover, Thomas Grier, and Deborah Jones. Miss Jones noted that 80% of her students recited the speech.

"The purpose for saying the oration was for the students to gain practice in speaking before a group, to understand why the speech was written and the purpose it served, and to acquaint the classes with one of Lincoln's best short writings," Miss Jones says.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Luncheon Served; Subjects Explored

Montevallo Elementary School room mothers attended a luncheon in the school's cafeteria Feb. 10.

Before the meal they discussed school philosophy, the metric system, and fund raising projects, and made suggestions for school improvements.

"Exploratory" is back in the schedule at Montevallo Middle School. A variety of courses are offered in the program.

Sixth grader Sally McMillan, 7th grader Ellen Arnold, and 8th grader Felicia Phillips are winners of the third Spelling Bee held recently at MMS.

Spelling Bee finals are to be Mar. 11.

Seventy-four MMSers received A and B honor ribbons two weeks ago.

Advanced Students Get Real Typing Jobs

Typing II students are experiencing something new this six weeks. Each student chooses a teacher and reports to him every morning for any typing that he needs prepared -- such as letters and stencils or carbons for tests or study sheets, etc.

The students are graded on neatness and accuracy of the completed work.

"I am trying to provide the class with a little practical experience.

"Hopefully, in the process the students will develop a sense of pride for doing good work and gain a feeling of responsibility for the job," teacher Susie DeMent explains.

Visitors Speak On Law, Crime

Two guest speakers have highlighted a recent unit on crime and law enforcement for senior democracy classes.

Investigator Wayne Watts of Shelby County Sheriff's Department discussed law enforcement in the areas of drugs, robbery, burglary, and murder at the county level.

State trooper Billy Bradshaw, who has been on the force for 20 years, explained the various aspects of enforcing state laws. He also pointed out requirements to qualify as a state trooper.

"I decided to be a trooper years ago--but not for the money. You must be dedicated," he noted.

Mr. Bradshaw then showed the film, "The Long Blue Line," which depicted the training and work state troopers must have and do.

Crime in America by Ramsey Clark was also a part of the study.

"This unit was intended to help students become aware of crime in America as well as the organization and purpose of law enforcement agencies," says teacher David Nichols.

Where'd All the Dogs Go?

Sophomore Stark Harbour and junior Mark Spence consumed nine hot dogs each in Top Dog's Feb. 5 eating contest, but that was not enough to win. First prize, a portable black and white TV, went to local resident Doug Tolbert who downed 11. Third placers junior David Brantley and UM student Eddie Belcher ate eight apiece.

Approximately 300 Top Dogs were eaten during the event according to the restaurant owner.

School to Entertain PTA--

MHSers Will Review Program

MHS WILL HOST PTA Open House Monday night at 7:30. Students will have a large part in the program, "MHS, an Overview of the Total Program," according to chairman Frances Anthony.

Student Council members will open the meeting by giving the invocation and leading the pledge to the flag, accompanied by the band playing The National Anthem.

Three Parts

The three-part program will consist of introductions to the curriculum, athletics and activities, and the services of the school.

Various MHS clubs and groups will take part in the meeting. Students from Mr. Danny Cooper's 11th grade history classes who researched their family trees will present explanations of their findings.

Displays

There will also be displays of classwork in several areas.

Dramatics club students will present dramatic monologues, and the chorus and band will provide musical entertainment.

PTA president George Dailey will conduct a brief business meeting prior to the program.

IS THAT OK?
Art teacher Ann Parker (r) and senior Alison Cole exhibit art work for PTA.

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Try for State Today--

15 Make All-County Band

TROUBADOURS WERE ON TOP again as 15 band members earned seats in the senior all-county band at the University of Montevallo Feb. 19. Of the 15 who won the honor, 7 were selected for first chair positions. They are Lynne Davis, Mark Hall, Cindy Holsombeck, Tommy Ingram, Shawn Spicer, and Mary Wyatt.

Fourteen Troubadours made the junior all-county band, with Chassie Harbour and brothers Johnny and Tommy Owen seated first.

Try for State

Today at 11:30 the band will be competing at the district level at Tarrant High School. A superior rank there will give the Troubadours the right to advance to state level according to their director Jim Weese.

Another Contest

The band's next competition is at the University of Montevallo contest Mar. 26.

The four all-staters will visit Auburn University Mar. 14-16 to take part in the festival there.

TOP MUSICIANS

Pictured are winners of 1st chair honors in all-county band: (1-r) Front: Cindy Holsombeck, Mary Jane Wyatt, Lynne Davis. Back: Tommy Ingram, Mark Hall, Stark Harbour, Chassie Harbour, Johnny Owen, and Shawn Spicer. (Not pictured, Tommy Owen.)

Begin on March 21--

7 from UM Will Train at MHS

ON MARCH 21 SEVEN STUDENT TEACHERS will arrive at Montevallo High School to begin practice teaching.

Debbie Ramseur will instruct classes under supervision of Miss Dot Bishop in physical education, while Philip Landers will help Coach Richard Gilliam.

Allen Willey will assist teachers Danny Cooper and Don Benton in U.S. and world history for his training and Patricia Reames will work with art and English instructor Ann Parker.

Practice teaching in home economics with teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins are Debbie Elliott, Wanda Gates, and Martha Harbuck.

Debra Cosper and David Pritchett will be observing. Miss Cosper will observe bookkeeper teacher Johnnie McClain and typing teacher Susie DeMent.

Mr. Pritchett will aid guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

School Year Extended For Make up Days

Shelby County Superintendent of Education Elvin Hill announced last week that the days schools were closed due to weather conditions will be made up at the end of the year.

June 3 will be the last day for students as they return on that day for report cards. Teachers will come on Saturday, June 4, to make up teachers' meetings missed.

Students are required to attend school 175 days a year while teachers must be on duty 180 days.

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It's Reporting Time

Today ends the fourth 6-weeks grading period. Students will receive report cards at a special home room session at 2:40 next Thursday.

Math Club to Try National Test

MHS mathematicians will match brains on the national level when they take the 28th Annual Mathematics Examination Mar. 8 at MHS.

The exam is sponsored by the Mathematical Associations of America, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and others. All MHS math club members will take the test.

Teammates Greg Hardin, John Klemenc, Chuck Reynolds, and Ricky Williams, along with two alternates and sponsor Doug Morris, will participate in the Jefferson State Invitational Mathematics Tournament in Birmingham Mar. 25.

It's News Downtown--

Police Cars Get Red Lights

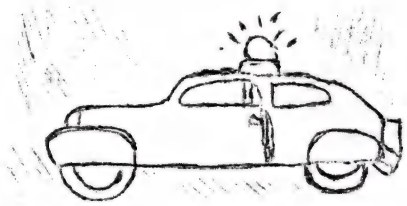
Recently the flashing lights on the Montevallo police cars were changed.

A spokesman of the police department explains, "The lights were changed from two blues to one red and one blue for the red light can be seen better in the day and the blue better at night."

Motorists may now turn right on red not only in Montevallo but throughout the state of Alabama.

Right-turns onto two-way streets and left-turns onto one-way streets on a red light (unless otherwise marked) were legalized during a recent session of the legislature.

However, "the motorist must come to a complete



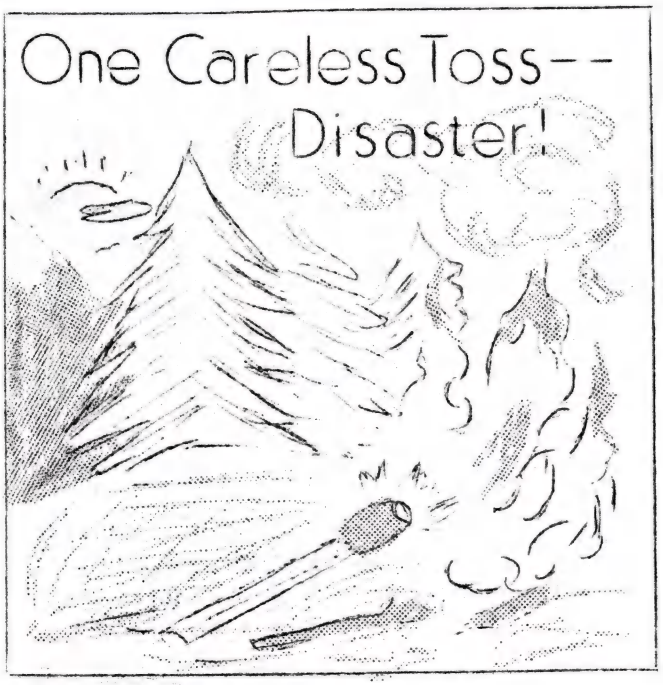
stop and make sure it is safe to turn before turning," informs Col. E. C. Dothard, Department of Public Safety Director.

The Chilton-Shelby Mental Health Center located in Calera offers a variety of programs including speakers and/or films for civic clubs, social groups, schools, or businesses.

The number to call for information is 668-1313.

Pascuale's will soon open on Main Street. Construction on the prefabricated building began four weeks ago and is expected to be complete within a week.

Owner Pat Reynolds is now accepting job applications.



Fires Cause Concern

The recent dry spell aided by gusting winds has caused Gov. George Wallace to declare that emergency forest wildfire conditions exist in Shelby County. Until further notice, all outdoor burning is prohibited by law, including campfires and trash burning.

In one weekend alone, the local Alabama Forestry Commission unit responded to approximately fifty calls. These fires resulted in 4,000 acres of burned forest land.

As spring holidays approach and students will have more time out of doors, everyone is urged to be especially careful and help preserve our woodlands.

School Could Lose Teacher--

Absences Could Spell Trouble

THIS MONTH'S ATTENDANCE was not up to par at MHS as the average daily attendance dropped 9 points. Last month's ADA was 432 as opposed to 423 this month. This drastic drop means trouble if the ADA does not stay at 432 and above until the end of school.

Excessive absences not only get one behind in assignments but they jeopardize the school. Since state funds are based on the number of students present daily instead of enrollment, attendance is solely responsible for the number of teachers and the money alloted to MHS.

Keep this in mind as spring fever hits. Remember it all depends on students in school each day.

Tornado Survival Calls for Alertness

Could your family survive a tornado?

Since tornado season is here, home drills should be practiced in order to insure the safest, quickest means of protection when a storm hits.

If your family does not know what action to take in the event of a tornado, Civil Defense will send information. Contact:

Civil Defense Building
Columbiana, AL 35051
or call: 669-6091.

For local aid, one may call Donald Hughes, local defense leader.

Musicians Shirk Responsibility

SEVERAL MHS BAND MEMBERS are not living up to their obligations. Students took orders for light bulbs at the first of the school year, but many of these still have not been delivered.

Troubadours who "sold" the light bulbs should realize that completion of this project is necessary to improve the financial status of the band.

Likewise, those band supporters who ordered the bulbs need to keep their promises to buy them as the band was depending on them when the group purchased the bulbs.

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IRS Helps out with Class--

Income Tax Provides Study

Three MHS classes are learning to prepare their own income tax returns. Along with Mr. Johnnie McClain's bookkeeping classes, general math students under Mr. Jim Hermecz and Mr. Doug Morris are studying income tax forms.

The Internal Revenue Service's Understanding Taxes and the Preparation of Returns were made available to these MHSers.

Mr. McClain says the unit on income tax serves two worthwhile purposes. First, it deals directly with accounting with which his class is concerned; and secondly, it serves in a personal capacity since most people are required to file a tax return and the students themselves will eventually have to complete such a report.

Mr. McClain also feels that the class's response has been "a little slow" but he is optimistic as they begin studying the 1040 form with Schedules A and B.

HOLIDAYS ARE DUE

Spring holidays are Mar. 14-18; AEA meetings in Birmingham for the teachers are Mar. 14-16.

Frosh Lead In Attendance

Ninth graders are now in the No. 1 position as best school attenders. Mr. Don Benton's homeroom led in attendance last month.

Other classes showing good attendance records are Mr. Charles Martin's 10th grade, Mr. Danny Cooper's 11th grade (which has led the junior class since the beginning of the year) and Mrs. Ann Parker's senior homeroom.

There are 437 students enrolled at MHS at present, with an average daily attendance for last month of 423.

Contest for All--

Verse Writers May Win Prizes

The Alabama State Poetry Society is sponsoring a poetry contest for all students, teachers, and educators of Alabama schools and colleges.

First, second, and third prizes will be awarded; and winning poems will be published in The Sampler, an anthology of the Alabama Poetry Society.

This contest is supported by an annual grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D. C., a Federal agency.

Its purpose is to promote and encourage the writing and appreciation of poetry in Alabama schools.

Entries should be mailed before Apr. 15 to Mr. Morton D. Prority, Jr., 921 Oline Street, Florence, AL 35630.

For further information interested people may refer to the notice on the bulletin board in room 204.

Mathematicians Study Metrics

It's note cards, outlines, and footnotes for Algebra II students this six weeks as Mr. Doug Morris's fourth period class goes metric.

This unusual assignment of a research paper for a non-English class is to help students become familiar with the new system and get them ready for the changeover to metric units according to Mr. Morris.

College prep English teacher Frances Anthony will assist students on the correct form for the paper.

Club Re-elects

The health careers club recently elected new officers. They were changed since Roslyn Smitherman, former president, graduated and Vanessa Young, former treasurer, transferred to Calera High School.

New officers are Anne Tolbert, president, Teresa Tyus, vice president; Betsy Hood, secretary; and Darryle Melton, treasurer.

Teacher Jim Hermecz is club sponsor.

Cathy Belisle Attends Mardi Gras

"It was so much fun I wanted to stay down there," Cathy Belisle said after returning from Mardi Gras, the two-week festivities before Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Cathy traveled to New Orleans Feb. 22 by bus for one day of the excitement. "There were parades with people throwing beads, toys and candies; and parties going on all the time," she excitedly exclaims.

Wearin' of the Green--

Sure and 'Tis St.Patrick Time

On Mar. 17 typical MHSers who usually sport the school colors of orange and blue as often as possible will be wearing green. St. Patrick's Day will be the cause for this "green" apparel.

The special March day originated in Ireland where St. Patrick was known as patron saint. In his lifetime he tried to convert the Irishmen into Christians.

He is said to have pointed to the three leaves of the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity which made the shamrock a symbol of the holiday and the green leaves, a popular color for Irish to wear on the Saint's special day.

The tradition of "the wearing of the green" was brought to the American colonies and has continued throughout the years.

Winter Takes Last Bows--

Spring's Beauties Wait in Wings

By Lisa Coon

Officially winter has only fifteen more days; Spring takes over Saturday, Mar. 20.

Spring is that time of year when life begins again in nature. Flowers start to bloom and hibernating animals leave their winter homes.

Spring also brings many activities for MHSers such as holidays, another math tournament, band festivals, the Junior - Senior Prom, Awards Day, and graduation.

Many sports are also on the spring schedule--spring football, baseball, and track.

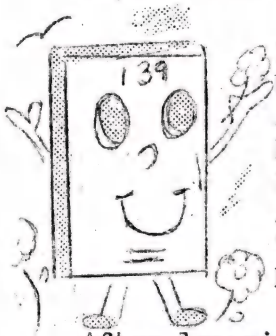
All these "promises of springtime" make students anxious for winter's end and the arrival of the new season which is usually accompanied by warm air, sunshine, and fun.

SENIORS WATCH MACBETH

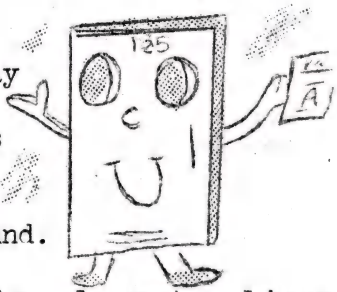
College prep English students viewed the TV version of Macbeth at teacher Frances Anthony's home Feb. 17 as the conclusion to a unit on the play.

Locker Laughs --

Typewriter Gets too Powerful



PTA Open House
Will soon be here,
And report cards may
Bring a tear;
But spring holidays
Are coming 'round
To keep students
Making a joyful sound.



After learning basketball skills in P.E., junior Mary Sherrer asked classmate Becky Lesley if she'd had fun. "Oh yes," laughed Becky, "I had a ball."

In 4th period democracy class senior Randy Beers told senior Cindy Holsombeck, "I'm trying to tip you over." Cindy quipped, "I'm not a tipsy person."

In 5th period history, sophomore Beth Rochester said to classmate Johnny Moss, "Quit looking at me."

David Young said, "Well, that's what your eyes are for--to look at people."

Johnny replied, "I'd rather be blind than to look at her."

When teacher Susie DeMent questioned sophomore Rene Davis about her using a different typewriter for her make up work, Rene replied, "That typewriter is just too electric."

PE Classes Say 'Time to Switch'

After male and female PE classes "pulled a switch" in instructors for a six-weeks period, students are now ready to resume activities under their regular teachers.

Junior Jeanette Crowson comments, "The class was interesting, and Coach Gilliam has a nice manner of teaching." Senior Shane Connell says, "I really got into it!"

Others "enjoyed" making the switch but state they are ready to get back to normal next six weeks.

Cancer Fund Benefits--

Strong Men Ready for Test

Eleven men make up the team as MHS adds weightlifting as a new activity to its competitive sports program. These men will letter in the event just as in other sports according to Coach Richard Gilliam who is in charge of the activity.

After special tryouts last Thursday Coach Gilliam selected the team which includes juniors Mike Beers, Barry Harper, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas, Chuck Reynolds, and Willie Rutledge.

Sophomores Kevin Hughes and Patrick Sims and seniors Billy Belisle and John Merijanian complete the 11-man squad.

Five of the 11 men will be selected soon to take part in area competition against seven opposing county schools in a weightlifting contest to be held at Pelham High School.

In "walkathon" fashion each strongman will have contributing sponsors with proceeds going to the Shelby County Cancer Fund.

Coach Gilliam says, "I hope we can win the contest, but the big winner will be the Cancer Fund."

Softball Started

Thirteen Montevallo girls have signed to play softball on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the park under the direction of Mr. Howard Pickett.

Mr. Pickett asks that others who are interested contact him at City Hall.

Thompson, Blocton, Marion Win--

Bulldogs End Regular Season

Montevallo closed out the regular basketball season with a 17-7 record. The Bulldogs lost their last three games, falling to Thompson 66-42, to Blocton 94-88, and to Francis Marion 77-59.

Play at University

Thompson's big three, Perry Oden, Alonzo Green, and Glen Marcus, put in a combined 48 points to do the Bulldogs in Feb. 18 before a packed house at the UM gymnasium.

For one quarter MHS gave signs of an upset as the 'Dogs led 17-11 at the end of the first period, but a "tuned-up" big red machine outscored the Bulldogs 24-5 in the second period to win going away.

Terence Chappell made 13 points for MHS; Thomas Brown had 10.

All Fouled up

Fouls plagued the Bulldogs against Blocton in Tiger territory Feb. 23. So deep in foul trouble were the 'Dogs they had to finish two minutes of a double overtime with four men.

Otto Fields's 17 points was MHS's best, while 6 ft. 4 in. Marvin Wesley poured through 50 for Blocton, 26 coming from free throws.

The Bulldogs scored 38 field goals to Blocton's 26.

Marion Wins

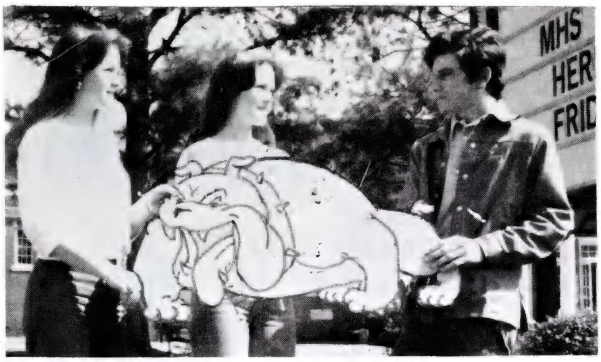
Visiting Francis Marion ripped out a 16-point lead in the first quarter and MHS couldn't catch up even though the 'Dogs outscored the Rams in the second and third periods.

High pointmen for Marion were Earl Henderson (28) and Eddie Mims (21). MHS leaders were T. Brown(14), Chappell (11), and Dannye Young (11).

Special Olympics Training Begins

Special education instructor Willie C. Turner's classes met with students from the University of Montevallo Feb. 21.

According to Mr. Turner the university students will be instructing special ed classes for the next eight weeks in adaptive physical education and aid them in training for the Special Olympics this spring.



THAT'S THE SPIRIT! Sophomore Walter Gottier, presents bulldog which he constructed to cheerleaders Paula (right) and Pam Guthrie to be added to gym decorations for tourney.

Area 7 Finals Tonight--

Bulldogs Shoot for Title

MONTEVALLO GOES AFTER its sixth straight Area 7 crown tonight against Talladega County Training School in the tournament at MHS. A win tonight in this 7:30 battle moves the Area 7 champ into Region 4 finals (also at MHS) tomorrow night at 7:30.

Saturday night's winner competes in the State Tournament in Tuscaloosa next week, with the first game being Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. against the Region 6 champion. This Region includes state-ranked Warrior and Oak Grove.

"It's Unbelievable!"

"It's unbelievable!", said Coach Kurt Pnazek after MHS' 56-54 squeaker over Marion last night.

Terence Chappell's 16 points and Sidney Fields' 15 rebounds sparked the Bulldogs. Ram Earl Henderson had 25 points in the semifinal battle.

Tournament Scores

MHS 98 - Chelsea 30
TCTS 70 - Vincent 64
Blocton 64 - ISS 56
Marion 70 - W'boro 63
MHS 56-Marion 54

MHS broke a 4-game losing skid Monday by routing Chelsea 98-30. Four 'Dogs reached double figures as Thomas Brown (20) and Sidney Fields (18) topped all scorers.

Vincent Loses

Led by forward Walter Garrett's 25 points, TCTS nosed out another Shelby County favorite, Vincent, in their first game. The Tigers eliminated the Yellowjackets 70-64.

Vincent, paced by Earl Datcher, held a 31-30 halftime lead, but a last period surge which saw TCTS outscore the Jackets 21-17 was the difference.

Bulldog Growls--

Coach Likes What He Sees

After a look at the 42 men out for spring training, many MHSers are saying this year's football team will not be as big or as good as last year's. According to Coach Richard Gilliam, however, this is not entirely true.

"I know most of these small guys and what they have inside. If a lot of them step out as leaders and gain experience during spring training, and if we are not plagued by serious injuries, we can have as good a team as we had last year," Coach says.

The 'Dogs lose 14 men to graduation but rebuilding gets going this month.

Spring practice ends with an intra-squad Orange and Blue game Mar. 25. The following Thursday, Montevallo faces Thompson in the Jamboree in Calera.

...(Darrell Lawley)

Tournament Signs Spread Red Carpet

Every Area 7 team visiting MHS this week sees its mascot displayed in the gym in school colors.

Sophomore Walter Gottier and business teacher Susie DeMent have worked for the past six weeks preparing signs of welcome for participants in the basketball meet now in progress.

Walter says, "It was the first time I had done anything like that, but I had fun doing it."

"I just furnished the prose; Walter gave them the poetry," Miss DeMent adds.

History teacher Don Benton was in charge of putting up the display.

Cheerleaders Hold Clinic, Tryouts

Varsity cheerleader clinic and tryouts will be held Mar. 21-25. Girls in grades 9-11 interested in trying out are now signing a list which will be screened by the faculty before clinic begins.

Senior cheerleaders Pam and Paula Guthrie and Sonya Bell will conduct the clinic. Their faculty sponsor is Mrs. Jane Jones, Montevallo Middle School secretary.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Tests, Metrics Occupy Time

Montevallo Middle School's Book Fair, the week of Feb. 7, was rated a success by MMS secretary Jane Jones.

The school sold approximately $350 in merchandise from the Gulf State Book Company, netting $75. This money will be used to purchase library materials.

Eighth graders will be given achievement tests Mar. 21-22 at 8:10 in the school's lunchroom.

The metric system is coming to Montevallo Elementary School. Teachers have been preparing themselves to meet the goal of "A Metric America by 1980."

This group has attended a metric workshop, had guest speakers and developed grade level lessons to be shown at teachers meetings as a part of the faculty's in-service program.

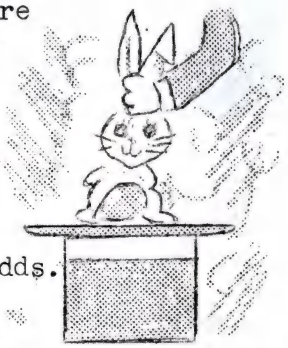
Student teachers at MES complete their work there Mar. 11. Former MHSer Deloris Adkins ('72) is practicing in 3rd grade under Mrs. Virginia Sims.

McCoy Performs--

Magic Bag Holds Many Tricks

By Regina Harbour

"ABRA-CADABRA" AND "OPEN SESAME" are familiar magical phrases to MHS's very own "Houdini" sophomore Kevin McCoy.



Kevin is a member of International Brotherhood of Magicians, a worldwide organization with 10,000 members. "IBM is the largest organization of its kind in the world," Kevin explains. "It has branches in every state," he adds.

Does Act for Parties

The young magician performs at many children's parties where he does a variety of tricks. He has a number of disappearing acts, along with various card tricks and a new rabbit routine. The 16-year-old magic maker added the rabbit to his show recently after receiving it for Christmas.

Last year Kevin attended a magician's convention in Raleigh, N.C. "I enjoyed the sessions," he says. "I got to meet fellow magicians and learned some of the tricks of the trade," he adds.

Came from N.C.

A transfer student from Phillips Junior High in Chapel Hill, N. C., Kevin has only been performing for about a year but says he has always been interested in this field.

"I didn't really start working on it until last year when my parents gave me a magic kit," he admits.

Homemakers Take Lessons from Pro

Home ec teacher Junnie Craig turned classes over to Mrs. Christine Dobson, owner of the DeLuxe Cleaners, last week for a unit on alteration during specialized home ec.

"I really enjoyed the work under Mrs. Dobson. She is a great instructor, and I learned a lot from my first experience with altering," junior Marla Jones says.

Newswriters Try National Quiz

Journalism students took the Quill and Scroll Current Events Quiz for 1977, Feb. 17, under direction of Mrs. Linda Sproul, substituting for teacher Cathy Bearden.

The test, constructed by the national honorary journalism society Quill and Scroll, was composed of questions concerning all facets of contemporary news.

Highest scorers were juniors Kathy Glosson and Greg Hardin and senior Pam Pendleton. Kathy's score now places her in national competition.

"Most students agreed they weren't as up to date on current events as they should be," Mrs. Sproul says.

Scouts Pick Pam

Senior Pam Pendleton has been chosen to attend the National Girl Scout Camp, Hi - A - Wak -A in Greely, Colorado, this summer. She was one of the 72 selected from 798 applicants for the honor.

During her stay, July 14-Aug. 1, she will participate in such activities as mountain climbing, primitive camping, and hiking.

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Awards Day Set

MHS's 20th annual Awards Day ceremony has been set for May 13.

"This is a day for recognizing students and / or adults who have gone beyond requirements to bring honor to the school in some way," explains typing teacher Susie DeMent, coordinator of the event.

Scholarship Pays off--

Klemenc, Williams Honored

SENIORS JOHN KLEMENC AND RICKY WILLIAMS, honor students at MHS, have received scholarships toward their college education.

John has a choice of an $18,000 four-year full tuition Army ROTC scholarship or the same award from the Navy. He has chosen to go to Georgia Tech and major in engineering management sciences.

Martin Marietta

Ricky's award is a $2,000 renewable scholarship from Martin Marietta Corporation Foundation. "I didn't expect to get it because nobody from this division of Martin Marietta has ever received one," Ricky says.

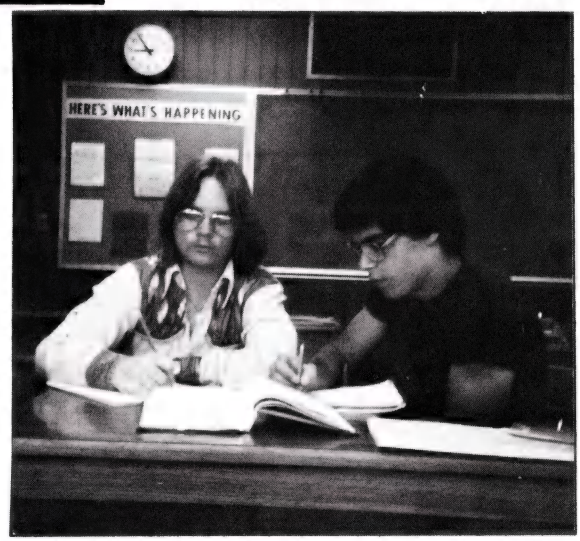
Ricky, who has decided to study pre law at Samford University, has also been offered a $300 honor scholarship from that institution, along with a $300 honor Baptist award.

Troy Offers

A $300 tuition scholarship to Troy University and a $400 one-year freshman honors scholarship at the University of Montevallo were also offered to Ricky.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klemenc; Ricky's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams.

Both students were previously named to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.



QUIET! MEN WORKING!
Scholarship winners Ricky Williams (left) and John Klemenc study for math tournament in which both competed at Samford last week.

WOW!
Trombonist Greg Hardin points with pride at the band's No.1 trophy.

Band Blows Its Way To Top Spot at UM

MHS TROUBADOURS PLACED FIRST in the University of Montevallo's 2nd annual Concert Band Contest last Saturday. Second place winner was Tarrant; Thompson took third place.

MONTEVALLO was one of the three bands in its classification to win superior ratings from all three of the judges, Larry Deagon, Barry Jones and Jim Mahaffey.

In two weeks the band will be on the road to state competition after qualifying at the district at Tarrant High School Mar. 4.

Team Is No. 3

MHS's math team placed third in Jefferson State's invitational math tournament Mar. 25.

"I'm real proud of our team and feel they will dow even better in the next tournament which will be held at the University of Montevallo Apr. 16," sponsor Doug Morris commented.

Wednesday the math club visited Logan Martin Dam and Wilsonville Steam Plant to observe the special computer systems.

Work Began on Mar. 21--

Teachers Get Training at MHS

"Teaching at MHS will be a challenging experience," predicts Alan Willie, one of the seven student teachers from the University of Montevallo who reported for duty Mar. 21. Mr. Willie is a graduate student from Alexandria, Va., teaching under Mr. Don Benton and Mr. Danny Cooper in social studies.

Debbie Ann Ramseur, a senior from Birmingham, under girls' P.E. teacher Dot Bishop, says, "It's different from my high school, but I like it very much here."

3 in Home Ec

Home ec teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins share in the guidance of three trainees, Debbie Elliott, Birmingham; Wanda Gates, Thomasville; and Martha Harbuck, Birmingham.

Phillip Landers of Fayetteville, Ala., working with Coach Richard Gilliam, explains his feelings as he comments, "MHS is really a fine school.

"I find both students and faculty to be very patient and cooperative with all the student teachers."

Working with art and English teacher Ann Parker, Patricia Reames says, "I really like these kids; they're so friendly and energetic." Miss Reames is from Birmingham.

It's News Downtown--

New Church Is Underway

The foundation for the new Independent Baptist Church, Victory Baptist Temple was poured last week. The new church is under construction next to Shelby Academy on Highway 22.

Reverend Rex McDonald will serve as pastor for the church which is scheduled for June completion.

A new South Central Bell facility will soon be underway, located next to the MHS vocational building on North Main Street.

According to South Central manager, John Godwin, the cost will be $\$2\frac{1}{2}$ million and the facility will provide 2,800 Montevallo residents with some of the most modern telephone services available.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by September 1977; but it will be June, 1978, before the equipment actually goes into service.

Montevallo's shopper s will soon enjoy a new convenience, to be constructed directly across the street from the fire department.

The shopping mart will consist of a Junior Food's market; a laundramat; and Sonic Foods, a drive-in restaurant.

School Pride Shows Through--

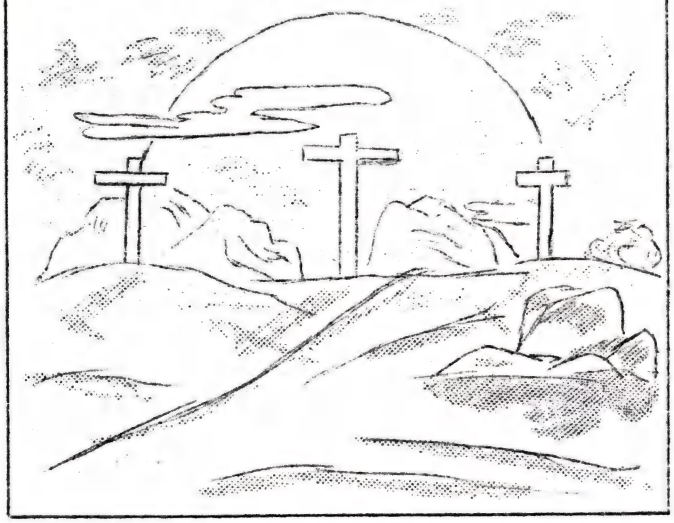
Columbia Ranks 'Spotlight' No. 1

SPOTLIGHT is No. 1 again. Monday the staff received a first-place certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the January-December 1976 issues of the newspaper. To be ranked No. 1, SPOTLIGHT earned 928 points out of the 850-1000 needed to place in the first division. Earlier this year National Scholastic Press Association rated the newspaper All-American.

"The pride and positive attitude toward school and community which this paper reflects is most impressive," the judge commented. "The staff is to be commended for its effort and professional results," he concluded.

The contest, sponsored by the association at Columbia University, N. Y., is in its 53rd year. Present director is Mr. Charles R. O'Malley.

Are we worthy?



Smoking Is Real Choker

MHS HAS A PROBLEM that is long standing and common to many schools--smoking. For years it has been forbidden and against school policy, but nevertheless it has continued on campus.

When one smokes at school, he is not only breaking regulations but infringing on other students' rights. In many public places areas are reserved for smokers so non-smokers aren't forced to breathe the polluted air. Could MHS provide similar areas or severely crack down on smoking?

It is not fair for non-smokers to have to breathe air that is dangerous to their health simply because a few MHSers continue to misuse bathrooms and other school facilities for their destructive habit.

A Letter to the Editor--

Basketball Fan Thanks WBYE

Dear Editor:

As a student at Montevallo High School I would like to express appreciation to radio station WBYE, Klinner Furniture Company, and Merchants and Planters Bank.

These people made it possible for many basketball fans throughout Shelby County who weren't able to attend the games to tune in to play-by-play action of their teams during the State Basketball Tournament in Tuscaloosa Mar. 9-12.

The University of Alabama Athletics Department did a tremendous job in broadcasting the games, and I feel sure I speak for many grateful people when I say "Thank you" to WBYE and the sponsors responsible for broadcasts of the games in this area.

Sincerely,
Darrell Lawley (Jr., MHS)

Spring Fever Hits

After record-breaking winter weather and its flu and colds, MHSers welcomed spring when it officially began Mar. 20.

However, now that warmer weather prevails, another malady is becoming evident--spring fever.

School isn't over for nine more weeks, and the only way to avoid a spring fever epidemic is for everyone to put out a little extra effort and stay busy with schoolwork.

Easter Needs Thought

To most students, Easter conjures up thoughts of egg hunts and fancy clothing. SPOTLIGHT, however, reminds MHSers to take time to ponder the real meaning of Easter--celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So, along with your frolicking, pause to consider the true meaning of this special Sunday, Apr. 10.

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Juniors Display Creative Skills

Mrs. Barbara Belisle's junior English classes have been displaying posters advertising book-movie reports which were presented orally. Students earned "bonus" points for the posters.

"I gave students a free hand on the reports. They chose from books or movies they had enjoyed. These were advertised through posters which were beautifully done.

"Students' next creative job will be making and designing their own dictionaries," Mrs. Belisle explains.

Regina Lands Acting Job

MHS senior Regina Harbour had an early spring breakas she spent Mar. 2-6 in Norfolk, Va. She flew to Virginia to attend the Southeastern Theater Conference.

While at the conference, she participated in acting and dancing auditions and attended various theatrical workshops.

As a result, Regina will have a summer job acting. She will be appearing in "The Legend of Daniel Boone," an outdoor drama performed in Harrodsburg, Ky.

She will report to work on May 27, the day after graduation.

"I am excited about it, and I can't wait to get started," Regina says excitedly.

"It's like a dream come true," she adds.

Regina was accompanied on the trip by her father, Dr. Charles Harbour, head of the speech and theater department at the University of Montevallo.

Seniors Roll Along

The senior class held a skating party at Skate World in Hoover Monday night. Each senior paid a $2 fee for the evening and transportation was by car pool.

"We thought the skating party was a great success; everybody seemed to have lots of fun," senior class president Craig VanValkenburg commented.

Graduation Time Draws Nearer--

Juniors, Seniors Get Keepsakes

Both junior and senior classes are receiving items that give them the feeling that graduation is nearing.

Seniors received keepsakes of high school years Mar. 10 in the form of gold and silver keys ordered from Balfour Company. Keys and neckchains, keyrings, and bracelets were available.

Senior girls will also receive early graduation gifts when MacDonald's Furniture Gallery in Hoover mails them complimentary Lane cedar jewelry boxes.

Class rings are scheduled to arrive for the juniors next Tuesday. After homeroom, the class will meet in the auditorium with Mr. Bert Jones, ring salesman, to pay the balance owed and receive their rings.

The rings were ordered in October, at which time juniors placed a $20 deposit on them.

"Receiving class rings is always an exciting time for anyone," Principal W.C. Corbett comments.

5 MHSers Celebrate

Today, Apr. 1, is April Fool's Day; and four MHSers claim today as their birth date. They are junior Terry McCarey, sophomores Selena Davis and Kevin McCoy, and freshman Mark Reisener.

History teacher Danny Cooper was also born on this day.

Special Ed Class Will Visit Six Flags

Special education students will visit Six Flags over Georgia and Stone Mountain Park in Atlanta Apr. 9. The group will be under the guidance of their instructor Willie C. Turner.

According to Mr. Turner the students will leave early Saturday morning and return Sunday in a rented van.

"This trip should give the students an insight into traveling," Mr. Turner says.

Things Just Meter along--

Metric System Poses Problem

by Regina Harbour

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks!" This is so true, especially when one begins to think about the United States changing to the metric system. Unfortunately, though, the metric system is inching its way into our lives and onto our rulers and scales.

At first, the new system will feel odd and its terms sound quite strange. Perhaps we'll get used to watching the Indianapolis 804.5; but consider how you're going to feel telling a person you love them a hectoliter and a decoliter.

Human measurements will also change with MHS's 6' 5" chemistry teacher Jim Hermecz shrinking to a mere 1.9 meters. Girl watchers will be pleased to know, though, that the traditional 34"-24"-34" figure will increase to approximately 86-60-86.

With the adoption of the metric system there will come an end to the quarter pound hamburger, quarts of milk, miles, cups, and the inchworm.

Finally, since the present system is tried and true, it seems senseless to change horses in midstream.

10th Graders Visit Complex

Ninety MHS sophomores toured Shelby County Vocational Center Mar. 2, to complete a study on choosing careers.

Mr. Charles Knowles and Mr. Jimmy Bice conducted the group around the complex.

MHSers who decide to attend the vocational school will make a return trip to the Center Apr. 6 to sit in on any classes that are of interest to them.

Sophomore Nellie Yelder comments, "I enjoyed the trip, but I wish we could have stayed longer."

'It's a Boy' For MHS Teacher

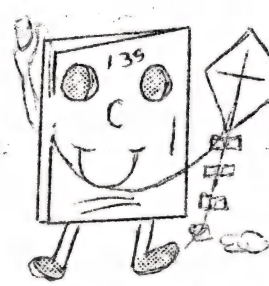
"He's such a good baby we have to wake him up to feed him," smiles MHS English and journalism teacher Cathy Bearden speaking of her new baby boy Len.

Weighing in at 9 lbs., 12 oz., John Leonard Bearden, III, made his debut at 4:50 p.m., Mar. 13, at Baptist Medical Center, Montclair.

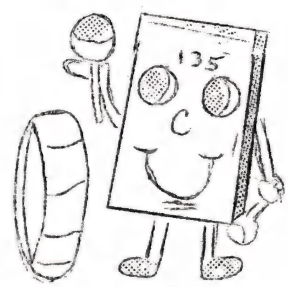
Mrs. Bearden and the baby are home now and "doing fine. The baby and I will try to visit school soon," Mrs. Bearden says.

Locker Laughs--

Even Title of Quiz Puzzles One



The band is
Really going strong,
And classes stay
Busy all day long.
Spring fever
Has hit the air
While students laugh
Without a care!



Journalism students were taking a quiz on the Mar. 4 issue of SPOTLIGHT.

To the question, "What national quiz did journalism classes participate in recently?" Mary Alice Reed came up with, "Quill and Squirrel."

Fourth period drivers ed class was conducting a discussion on drugs and their effect on the body.

Teacher Charles Martin asked, "How much is a nickel's worth of heroin?"

Walter Gottier quickly answered, "Five cents."

A discussion on composition topics in college prep English class led to the field of cybernetics.

When teacher Frances Anthony quizzed senior Ricky Williams about that topic, Ricky informed that it is the freezing of the human body.

Billy Belisle quipped, "Hey, man! That's cool!"

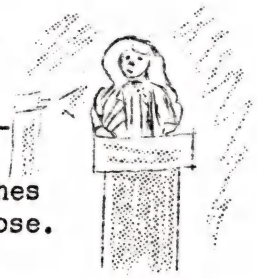
On the way to the vocational center sophomores were making so much noise Wanda Faye Prentice moaned, "Oh, I think I have a my-brain headache!"

Visitors Describe Possibilities--

FHAers Gain Insight in HomeEc

FHA members had an opportunity to learn more about studying in the field of home economics at their monthly meeting Mar. 1.

Mrs. Marvolin Stephens, home economics teacher at the University of Montevallo, and UM home ec senior Jan Hughes addressed members of FHA for that purpose.



Mrs. Stephens showed slides and spoke about different activities of home economics majors

Miss Hughes talked about the programs available and opportunities open for students going into the field.

Mrs. Stephens invited FHA members to visit their home ec department at any time. She also gave informational pamphlets to all those students interested in attending the University for any course.

MHS Entertains At Open House

Montevallo High School held its annual Open House Mar. 7 for approximately 299 parents and 120 students.

The presentation, conducted by students, gave an overview of the school's program, including an explanation of the curriculum, athletics, school services, and activities.

Monologues by dramatics club members highlighted the evening's program.

Music was provided by the school's chorus and band, and parents were invited to view displays of students' classwork.

The home ec department and lunchroom staff provided refreshments for the visitors.

Visitor Tells Classes About Communism

MHS students under teacher David Nichols heard Dr. Angela Hernandez, mother of senior Vivian, when she lectured on her first-hand experiences during the Communist takeover of Cuba.

She told how Cuba's present dictator, Fidel Castro, had overthrown the government of Batista, former dictator of the little country only 90 miles from the beaches of Florida.

The guest speaker was the finishing touch following a two-week study of Communism.

Gideons Give Bibles

Gideons International presented MHS seniors with miniature copies of the New Testament last week.

The Gideons, with headquarters in Nashville, annually furnish the seniors and teachers with copies of the King James version of the Bible. Seniors' Testaments also included the books of Psalms and Proverbs.

Classes Have Unit on Childbirth--

Planned Parenthood Studied

Family Living classes visited Shelby Memorial Hospital where they viewed a film on emergency childbirth and were given a tour of the nursery and delivery rooms Mar. 8.

This trip, along with guest speakers from Planned Parenthood, the Chilton-Shelby Mental Health Center, was a part of a study on pregnancy and preparation for parenthood.

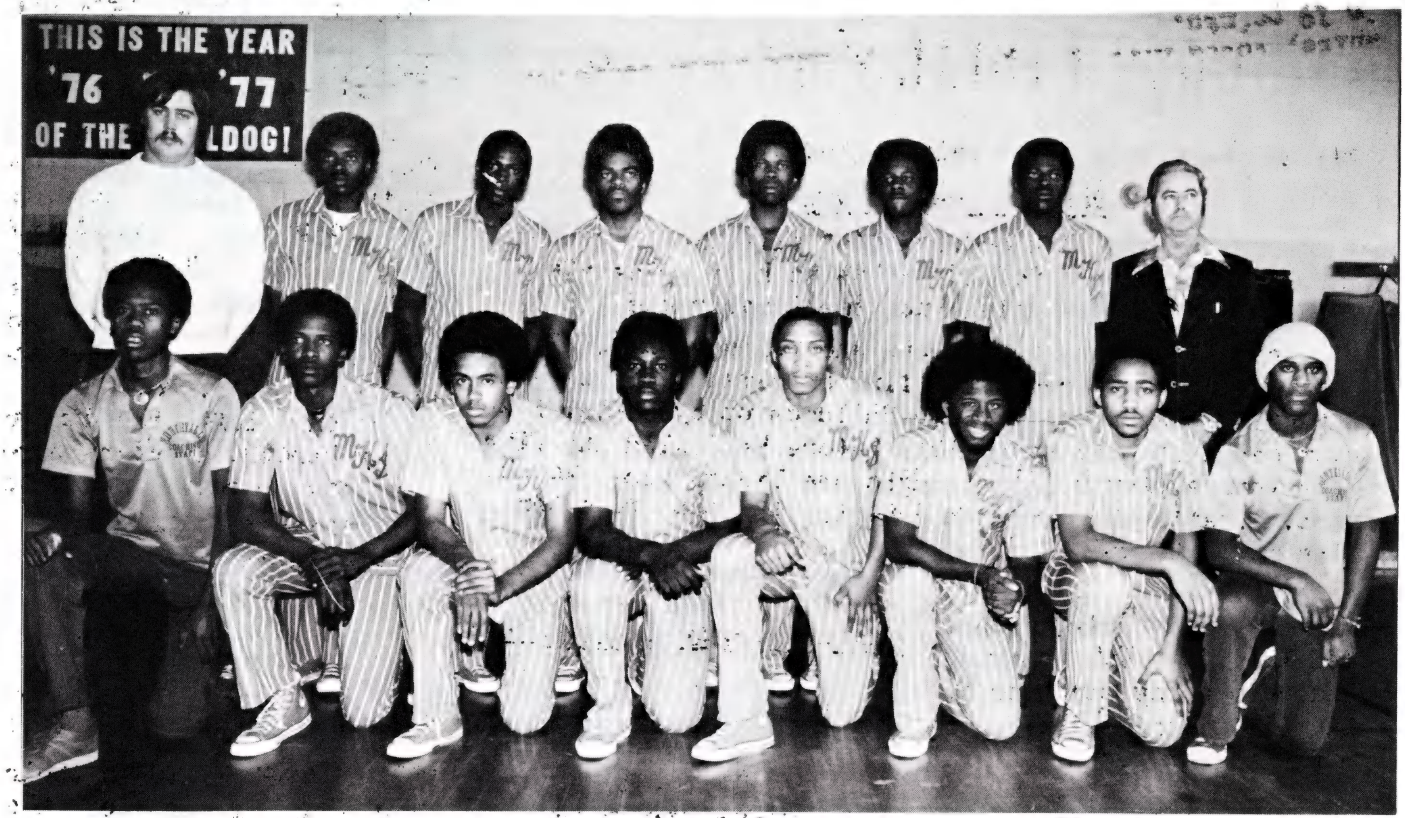
"Learning from other people through their experiences is much more advantageous than reading from a textbook," comments home ec teacher Rose Ellen Hankins, who teaches the family living class.

Guest Talks on Feeding

Mrs. Faye Watson, In-Service Education Director at Shelby Memorial Hospital, spoke to the family living classes Mar. 23 on feeding the newborn.

She discussed the two methods of feeding, giving advantages and disadvantages of each.

Mrs. Watson also held a question-answer session.



BULLDOGS POSE BEFORE BATTLE

Pictured before reporting to State Tournament (Front, l-r) are Bulldogs Jimmy Lee Talley (Mgr.), Robert Jemison, Terry McCarey, Maurice Reed, Thomas Brown, Henry Pope, Kenn Bell, Kelvin Lilly (Mgr.). (Back) Coach Kurt Pnazek, Braddy Brown, Otto Fields, Terence Chappell, James Reed, Dannye Young, Sidney Fields, Principal W. C. Corbett.

St. Jude Wins Title in 67-51 Decision--

Bulldogs Earn 2nd Place in State Meet

MONTEVALLO TOOK SECOND PLACE IN 2A COMPETITION in basketball for the third time in six years at the state tournament in Tuscaloosa Mar. 9-12. St. Jude's Pirates out of Montgomery claimed the 1st place trophy defeating the Bulldogs 67-51 in the championship bout.

In advancing to the final round the Bulldogs gave two of their finest performances of the season according to Coach Kurt Pnazek, passing tourney-favorite Oak Grove and perennial state opponent Madison County.

Brown, Fields Make All-State

Two Bulldogs were named on an all-tournament team following the state tournament. With members of the press and coaches doing the voting, senior Thomas Brown and junior Sidney Fields were chosen from MHS for the honor.

Brown had 24 points and 26 rebounds in two games, while Fields scored 32 points and pulled in 32 rebounds in three rounds.

Opener Is Tough

"A look at their credentials, not to mention the size, of the Oak Grovers would have caused anyone less than a strong-hearted Bulldog to have thrown in the towel before the first round," says scorekeeper Susie DeMent.

But the pressure defense kept up by MHS pulled out a 51-46 opening day victory.

After a low-scoring first quarter as each team tried to gain poise, Oak Grove led 9-8; but a 10-point second quarter performance by Bulldog all-stater Sidney Fields

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Bulldogs Finish 2nd -- (Cont'd)

gave Montevallo a 24-19 halftime edge.

Daniels Goes to Work

Larry Daniels, Oak Grove's 6'5" all-stater came alive in the third period for 13 points to help bring the Tigers to a 36-36 tie going into the final round.

Good shooting by Henry Pope and Terence Chappell and accuracy at the free throw line by James Reed and all-stater Thomas Brown put the Bulldogs up by 47-44. However one last goal by Daniels before he fouled out with less than a minute left brought the Tigers back in the game. That's when Brown's coolness at the free throw line put it away for the Bulldogs.

All-stater Sidney Fields led MHS in both scoring and rebounding, putting in 16 points and claiming 16 off the boards.

Madison Falls

Offensive speed and defensive pressure got the 'Dogs past a stubborn Madison County five, 61-54.

Reaching double figures in this semi-final match were Chappell with 15; T. Brown, 12; Pope, 11; and S. Fields, 10.

Ollie Hayden of Madison County was the game's leading scorer with 19 points.

St. Jude Wins Title

After building up a 20-10 first-quarter lead in the finals, St. Jude eliminated all Bulldog hope for a state crown as the Pirates claimed it 67-51.

Playing without starters T. Brown and Pope, suspended for disciplinary reasons, every Bulldog who got in the action scored, but it was not enough.

The Pirates, taller per man by 2 inches, were too much for the 'Dogs.

Top pointgetter for St. Jude was 6'5" Frederick White, voted MVP. He put in 19 points.

Basketball Team Honored, Fed

Special trophies went to Thomas Brown (MVP and team captain), Terry McCarey (team captain), and Sidney Fields and Dannye Young (most improved players), as the Bulldogs were honored at a basketball banquet at Montevallo Mar. 26.

No one left the dinner empty handed, as every varsity man received a plaque

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Eutaw, Ashville Region Foes--

St. Jude, 'Dogs Meet 5 Times

IN MONTEVALLO'S SIX YEARS at the state basketball tournament, the team most often faced is St. Jude from Montgomery. The Bulldogs have played the Pirates five times. Colbert Heights, Headland, Shields, and Madison County have been the opponents twice each.

Here are state tournament results over the past six years for the Bulldogs:

MHS		Opp
	1972	
58	St. Jude	56
67	Headland	61
70	Shields	78
	1973	
68	Headland	58
44	St. Jude	56
81	Shields(Cons.)	76
	1974	
77	Sulligent	62
59	Dadeville	51
52	Cherokee Voc.	42
	1975	
66	St. Jude	57
54	Florala	48
67	Colbert Hgts.	58
	1976	
84	Madison Co.(OT)	83
76	St. Jude	68
56	Colbert Hgts.	59
	1977	
51	Oak Grove	46
61	Madison Co.	54
51	St. Jude	67

Twice Eutaw has been the team to beat in the Region and Ashville has been the opponent twice:

	1972	
76	Eutaw	45
	1973	
72	Eutaw	61
	1974	
48	Ashville	41
	1975	
54	Weaver	40
	1976	
73	Hokes Bluff	54
	1977	
79	Ashville	43

Brown Sets Record

Senior Thomas Brown ended his basketball career as the all-time top scorer at MHS with 1394 points. He surpassed the old mark of 1207 set by Eddie Lovelady in 1968.

Keeps Busy with Therapy--

Coach's Wife 'Gets in Game'

"Proud but nervous" describes the feelings of Mrs. Susan Pnazek as she watches her husband Kurt, coach of the Montevallo Bulldogs, in action at games.

The petite 23-year old, a bride of only seven months, says that one adjustment to being a coach's wife is "busying myself while he is on trips with the team."

Although tennis is her favorite sport, Mrs. Pnazek says that she "really likes basketball." Sewing, reading, and jogging occupy her leisure time; her working hours are spent at Physician's Physical Therapy Service in Birmingham. She was graduated from Gadsden High School and completed her education at University of Alabama, Birmingham, where she met her husband.

Mrs. Pnazek sums up her reaction to MHS with, "I have enjoyed very much the short time I have been associated with Montevallo. I didn't know what to expect when I first came down here because being a coach's wife was a new experience for me, but the friendliness of the student body, as well as that of the community, has helped make me feel very much at home." (Pam Guthrie)

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Girl Sprinters Look to District

On your mark, get set, go! will set MHS girls' track team into motion as the girls prepare for four upcoming track meets. Competition includes Thompson, Indian Springs, Pelham, and the district meet in Selma Apr. 29.

Activities in which the team will participate are the broad jump, shot put, 100-yd. dash, 110-yd. low hurdles, 440-yd. dash, 880-yd. run, mile run, mile relay, and the 440-yd. relay.

"The girls have been doing a lot of running and exercising to shape up," Coach Dot Bishop says. "We should have some winners out of the group. There's lots of talent here."

Team members are Paulette Alexander, Phoebe Cathey, Phyllis Conwell, Jeanette Crowson, Angela Grayson, Deborah Jones, Sylvia Jones, Lisa Lovelady, Luanne Moody, Patricia Sailes, Nan Jones, and Nellie Yelder.

Tournaments Don't 'Just Happen' to Be at MHS

By Randy Beers

WHY IS A SCHOOL SUCH AS MONTEVALLO able to host the Area Tournament so often? Because somebody cares--and that somebody has to be the principal. The Bulldogs have a principal who cares in Mr. W. C. Corbett.

Deciding where the Area Meet will be held is the job of Mr. Bubba Scott, head of the Alabama High School Athletic Association, and a legislative council composed of 32 people--four from each of the eight athletic districts. Mr. Corbett is a member of this council.

To be considered as host for the tournament, the school's principal must request it to be held at his school. All requests are discussed by the board with the following points in mind--geographic location, facilities, availability of competent personnel to run the tournament, and adequate police protection.

Four of Last Five at MHS

After everything has been considered and discussed, the board votes. Four out of the last five years Montevallo has hosted the Area Meet.

Mr. Corbett says, "Handling the tournament is a big job; and if I thought I had to do it alone, I'd never ask for it. But our faculty is so willing to help and we get such good support from the community that I'm always glad to have it here."

Principal Once Coached

Having been a coach himself, Mr. Corbett knowingly adds, "I feel that it is to our team's advantage to play tournament games at home if they can."

Coach Kurt Pnazek appreciatively says, "This kind of help from the administration is one of the main reasons for success of an athletic program. I realize that there was a lot of paper work and telephoning that took a lot of Mr. Corbett's personal time for us to host the tournament, and I really appreciate his work and support.

"I feel that having the tournament here was a big factor in our winning," Coach concludes.

Special Ed Students 'Get Set'

Eight MHSers will take part in the Special Olympics to be held at the Bulldog football stadium Apr. 8.

Glenn Chism, Jeffro Johnson, Glenn Peoples, and Kenneth Rutledge will make up a 400-yd. relay team; while Kenneth, Glenn and Paul Alexander, and J. W. Arnold are getting ready for the softball throw.

Paul Alexander and Glenn Peoples plan to run the 50-yd. dash. Other runners will be Glenn Chism, 440-yd and Tim Ward, the mile run. Jumpers include Glenn Alexander (high jump) and Jeffro Johnson (long jump).

According to special ed teacher Willie C. Turner the students practice three days a week with phys ed students from the university as coaches. "I plan to treat all first-place winners to a big dinner at Morrison's in Birmingham," Mr. Turner says.

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Manager Gives 5 Years Service

By Chuck Reynolds

"He's not your ordinary basketball manager," says Coach Kurt Pnazek of senior special ed student Jimmy Lee Talley, a veteran varsity basketball manager of five years.

"He helps keep up team morale during hard times. Jimmy Lee's a very responsible person, and I know I can always count on him," Coach adds.

Coach Richard Gilliam, basketball coach last year, notes, "He's a very good manager. You talk to him at the first of the year, and he's able to anticipate what you want and when you want it for the rest of the season."

"It's been a rewarding experience for me managing for the last five years," says Jimmy Lee of his basketball responsibilities.

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Orange 22; Blue 20--

Line Wins Out In Football's Spring Game

MHS's annual intersquad football battle saw the Orange, featuring the 1st string line, avenging last year's 28-14 loss by edging the Blues 22-20.

The first line and second backfield made up the Orange team with captains Barry Kornegay, Barry Harper, and Mark Spence.

Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas, and Willie Rutledge led the Blue group which used first team backs and the No. 2 line.

Charles Thompson, Robert Thompson, and Tim Staffney scored for the Orange; Blue points came from the efforts of Edd Green, Darrell Lawley, and Willie Rutledge.

Coach Richard Gilliam said after the game, "This gives everyone a chance to get some game experience. It also helps me decide who my best men are when I look at the film."

MHS Is 3rd in County--

Strong Men Aid Cancer Fund

Montevallo High School's newly formed weightlifting squad took third place in the first annual county tournament at Pelham Mar. 4. Senior John Merijanion finished fourth individually in the event for Montevallo, benching 77 pounds over his body weight.

Shelby County High School won first place in the tourney; Thompson High came in second.

Competing for MHS in the event, along with John, were senior Freddie Thompson, juniors Barry Kornegay,and Darrell Lawley and sophomore Kevin Hughes.

The competition consisted of bench press only. Each entry had three lifts, the best of the three being considered the contestant's score.

Junior Darrell Lawley says, "It was a good experience for a worthy cause and I'm looking forward to going back next year."

An entry requirement of $100 was set for each school entering the tournament. Athletes from each team raised the money visiting door to door for sponsors to back them in "lifting pounds for cancer."

Proceeds from the competition went to Shelby County Cancer Foundation.

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Baseball Coach Has High Hopes

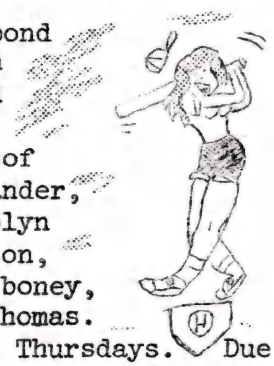
Twenty-two men will begin baseball practice Monday, competing to make the Bulldog squad of 16 players.

"I'm very optimistic about the season," happily states head coach Richard Gilliam.

"We're a little late getting started because of basketball playoffs and our football spring training. Most of the county teams have already had games," Coach wearily claims.

Any hopes of state playoffs? "Naturally we can go to the playoffs!" Coach snaps quickly.

Girls Form Softball Team



Thirteen MHS girls will soon respond to the words "batter up" as they begin softball under direction of Mr. Howard Pickett of Wilton.

The team, sponsored by Pasquales of Montevallo, consists of Paulette Alexander, Michelle Brown, Suzette Campbell, Carolyn Coleman, Joann Compton, Jeanette Crowson, Vicki Crowson, Nan Jones, Barbara McGiboney, Beverly Ray, Michelle Reed, and Tina Thomas.

Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays. Due to a delay in lighting the park, the schedule has not yet been determined according to Mr. Pickett.

Manager -- (Cont'd)

with team members, coaches and other managers."

In addition to his regular responsibilities Jimmy has served twice as manager for the post season North-South 2A All-State basketball games.

Bulldog Growls--

Each Player Has Skill to Add

"They're all good men and any of them could start for almost every other team in the county," proudly remarks basketball coach Kurt Pnazek of the 1976-77 squad. Any MHS fan knows this remark to be factual.

Each player has his own special talent which added to the team's success this year. Here's the picture:

Braddy Brown--fine rebounder and inside shooter.

Thomas Brown--the team's greatest offensive threat.

Robert Jemison--a great hustler; sparks the team.

Henry Pope--good ball-handler and free shooter.

James Reed--best leaper and good rebounder.

Maurice Reed-- aggressive, fierce competitor.

Dannye Young--good outside shooter and dribbler.

Terence Chappell--excellent outside shot, good ball handler.

Sidney Fields--uses body well for both shots and rebounds--quick.

Terry McCarey--quick on defense--loads of hustle.

Otto Fields-- good defensive speed; fine touch.

Coach Pnazek possessed the know-how to get the most from these talents.

(By Chuck Reynolds)

Banquet--(Cont'd)

and a letter certificate.

B teamers received participation awards, and the cheerleaders were also recognized.

Guest speaker Walter Barnes, former Samford University coach, discussed player attitudes and other aspects a coach looks for in a basketball player.

"I felt the banquet was very successful," stated basketball coach Kurt Pnazek. "The awards were well deserved."

Mrs. Dean Brown and Mrs. Mary Ross organized the banquet which was sponsored by the Athletics Boosters.

Parents of varsity men were special guests.

6 Named to Cheerleading Line; Nan Jones Will Head the Group

"The 1977-78 MHS cheerleader squad may be small, but it will be big in quality," comments senior cheerleader Paula Guthrie. Only six girls were in the running for the line; and since MHS has always had a regular number of seven girls, there were no tryouts necessary.

Returning to the line are Phyllis Conwell, Leslie Davis, and Nan Jones. Junior cheerers who will step up to varsity are Ann Frye, Jan Gaunt, and Debbie Kunkel.

Outgoing senior cheerleaders Sonya Bell and Pam and Paula Guthrie held a two-day clinic teaching new cheers and jumps. "I was really disappointed that we did not have more candidates for the positions; however, I believe the squad will be a good one and will represent MHS with the usual pride and dignity," Pam says.

Nan Jones was selected to the head position by the new line up. Mrs. Jane Jones is their sponsor.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Students Travel, Win Honors, Improve Campus

By Pam Guthrie

Montevallo Elementary School pupils traveled by bus to Palmer auditorium Mar. 23 to attend the UM performance of "Treasure Island."

The production was presented by the Children's Theatre.

MES recently received an "all clear" approval of accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the State Department of Education for the 1976-77 school year.

Principal Doris Jeter says, "The faculty and staff sincerely appreciate the community effort which continues to make this achievement possible."

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Seventh grader Ellen Arnold is Montevallo Middle School's spelling bee champion. She is now ready for county competition on Apr. 14 in Columbiana.

MMS students Todd Austin, Lynn Bearden, and Steve Belches went on a county social studies trip to Washington, D.C., and New York during AEA holidays.

In observance of Arbor Day MMS held a tree planting ceremony. Wayside Nursery donated the tree.

Sixth and 7th graders attended "Treasure Island" Mar. 23 at Palmer Hall.

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Teachers Sponsor Tourney--

Math Teams Enter County Meet

"BOTH THE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL have strong teams; and with a little luck we could pull off a grand county sweep," middle school math teacher Ann Tishler comments about tomorrow's county math tournament at the University of Montevallo.

The competition, an outgrowth of a county in-service project, is chaired by MHS math teacher Doug Morris. Teams on junior high, algebra I, and advanced math levels will participate in individual and group efforts.

Tod Austin, Robert Lightfoot, Taylor Lawrence, and David Melson make up the junior high team from the Montevallo Middle School. MHS algebra I teammates are Deandrea Cole, Ann Klemenc, Randy Steele, and Edna Williams.

Greg Hardin, John Klemenc, Chuck Reynolds, and Ricky Williams will compete on advanced levels.

An awards banquet will be held at 2 p.m. at the University cafeteria for presentation of trophies.

Belluchie, Veep--

Beers Takes Top SC Post

MIKE BEERS, president; Gay Perkins, vice president; and Leslee Belluchie, secretary, walked into Student Council offices yesterday, unopposed.

In the race for treasurer, Greg Hardin opposed Marsha Zahumensky.

Campaigns for the office were held this week. Hardin's manager Amy Knowles and Zahumensky's leader Rene Davis conducted the race. Candidates spoke before an assembly of the students Wednesday.

Election results were not in time for publication in this issue.

Regulations state that only seniors may be president and treasurer while juniors may run for other offices.

Each candidate must have an academic average of at least 80 and cannot have been suspended or failed a class in the past year.

WORK PAYS OFF!
SPOTLIGHT editor Regina Harbour (l-r) and staff members Barry Harper, Darrell Lawley and Becky Lesley display 1st place plaque won at state clinic. (Story p. 2)

Summer School Planned

MHS's summer session will begin on June 6 according to Principal W. C. Corbett. Subjects to be offered are Alabama history, biology, democracy/economics, English 9-11, typing, and U.S. history.

Students can earn up to one full unit during the six-weeks session or one-half unit for attending three weeks. The University of Montevallo sponsors MHS's summer term which provides their student teachers with basic training.

Fees are $45 for the entire session or $30 for three weeks.

'Spotlight' Gains Top Honors

SPOTLIGHT was judged the top school newspaper in Class C at the Alabama High School Press Association's workshop at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa Apr. 2.

Staff members Regina Harbour, Barry Harper, Darrell Lawley, and Becky Lesley, accompanied by sponsor Susie DeMent and substitute adviser Linda Sproul, attended the workshop and awards luncheon. Regina, co-editor, accepted the 1st place plaque for the staff.

Second place in Class C went to Tallassee High School's TALLA-HI-NEWS. Its sponsor, Marjorie Carter, was named Adviser of the Year. Newspaper Sweepstakes went to the largest high school represented at the clinic, Butler of Huntsville. The paper is STARS AND BARS.

Classifications are based on school enrollment of grades 10-12, with Class C being 0-400 students.

SPOTLIGHT sponsor Cathy Bearden comments, "I was real proud for the students. They have worked hard."

DST Steals 1 Hour

MHSers will have to roll out of bed an hour earlier on Apr. 24. The beginning of Daylight Savings Time will cause them to turn clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. that day.

Everything's Set For Junior-Senior Party of Year

Juniors and Seniors will dance to the music of Avery Richardson band at Howard Johnson's in Hoover at the annual prom, Apr. 23.

The prize-winning theme "I Wish" was submitted by junior Cathy Belisle, the daughter of junior sponsor Barbara Belisle. Mrs. Belisle says, "Last year the prom was a huge success, and I hope this year's will be even better."

According to Mrs. Belisle expected attendance is 250. The number includes students, dates, faculty, and chaperones.

Juniors and seniors will get keepsake booklets at the prom provided by Times Printing.

Teachers' Make-up Day Moved up one Week

One of two make-up days for MHS faculty has been rescheduled from Saturday, June 4 to May 28.

Principal W. C. Corbett explained, "We feel that teachers can accomplish more on a Saturday before school is out rather than the Saturday after the students are gone.

Also, the change gives the faculty who work during summer school one more day before returning June 6.

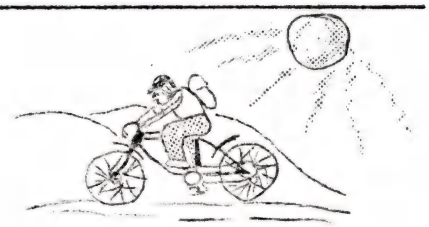
School End Nears

Next Friday ends the fifth 6-weeks grading period; then only six weeks of school remain.

Report cards will be distributed at 2:40, Fri., Apr. 29.

It's News Downtown--

Bike-a-thon Aids Retarded



The 2nd annual Hike Bike, sponsored by Cahaba Valley Jaycees, gets under way at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Proceeds from the Bike-a-thon go to Shelby County's Association for Retarded Citizens. The site of the 20-mile ride is Oak Mountain Park.

The Mikado, an operetta, will be presented by the University of Montevallo music department Apr. 28 and 29 at Palmer Hall at 8 p.m.

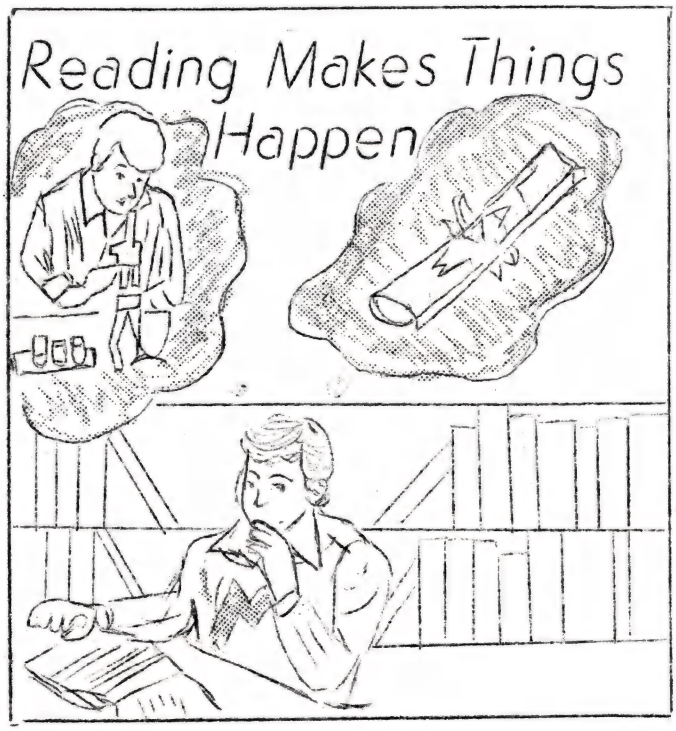
For ticket information one may call 665-2521, Ext. 278 or 279.

The Plant Monger, located on Main Street, will be moving to the Hoover-Vestavia area as soon as precontracted orders are delivered according to shop owners Diane and Wayne Gentry.

Mr. Bruce McClanahan, owner of Serendipity, says he will move his shop into the vacant spot.

Gov. George C. Wallace has proclaimed April as Cancer Control Month.

Citizens are urged to contribute to the education and fund raising projects of the American Cancer Society.



A Book Review--

Faith Provides Strength

By Glenda Smitherman

The Hiding Place by John and Elizabeth Sherrill, as told to them by Corrie ten Boom, is the story of a Swedish spinster involved with the underground during World War II.

The book describes the terror and death that went on during that time. It tells how Corrie's faith in God helped her and many others in the face of terrible imprisonment, torture, and death.

The author's shocking, suspenseful story line was enhanced by many vivid descriptions and the ability to capture the reader's imagination.

U.S. Has Many Non-readers

In today's television age, many people have taken a negative attitude toward reading. A common saying usually goes, "I won't read the book; I'll just wait till the movie comes out." And thus is reflected the lazy attitude of an American generation. Now is the time to do something about this.

In a recent Gallup Poll survey, it was revealed that one-third of the United States population had never used a library. A majority of these people were totally unaware of the many services a library can provide.

Much of today's generation has forgotten or just don't realize the values of reading. Reading can increase the vocabulary and expand knowledge on different subjects. It can also provide new insights and understanding.

Reading is the key to education. There is no better time to begin this constructive habit than during National Library Week Apr. 17-23.

Summer School Pays

Summer school offers an excellent opportunity for catching up on work--or it can be used for getting ahead in the game.

If a student has failed one semester of a subject, he finds scheduling for the next year difficult, since he must be in a class only one semester and must then "hunt" something to take another semester.

For those without summer jobs, summer school offers a worthwhile way to spend six of the twelve weeks vacation.

Rules Broken

The lunchroom situation is cause for concern.

Some MHSers are guilty of violating the School's Services Policy by bringing bottled or canned drinks to the cafeteria.

Others have been throwing forks into the garbage.

Both offenses are inexcusable.

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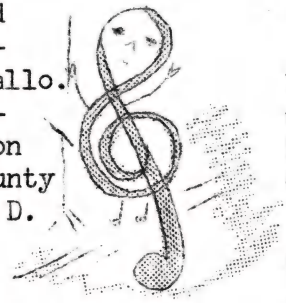
Youth Symphony Entertains--

County Musicians Join in Concert



Twenty-nine MHS band members performed last Saturday night in the All-County Music Festival at the University of Montevallo.

The senior high group had as their director Mr. Frank Kendeigh, former Thompson band director now at Huntsville. All-County junior musicians were directed by Mr. D. D. Black, band consultant for the State of Alabama Education Department.

Troubadours had the chance to see one of their own perform with Birmingham Youth Symphony Apr. 4. Fellow band member Mary Jane Wyatt was first chair flute in the orchestra directed by Mr. Michael Newman.

"It was a great experience working with Mr. Newman and the other orchestra members," Mary Jane says proudly.

Several other county bands attended the concert in Palmer Hall where the symphony played an arrangement of Fiddler on the Roof, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, and part of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

FHA Convention Stresses Leadership

MHS freshmen Debra Jones and Freida Thrift were among the many delegates attending the FHA state meeting at U of M Apr. 2.

Home ec teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins accompanied the delegates to the meeting.

The convention, with the theme, FHA/HERO--Leaders Creating Tomorrow, focused on developing leadership qualities in the individual that will strengthen Future Homemakers of America.

Debra says, "I had fun. Next year I hope to run for president of the recreational group."

Seniors Research Various Subjects

Doing research and writing term papers have occupied seniors recently in college prep English.

Subjects researched included abortion, euthanasia, Howard Hughes, dreams, and solar houses.

"The students were allowed to choose subjects of their own interest," teacher Frances Anthony explains.

"Seniors taking this course usually further their education, and term papers are often required in college," Mrs. Anthony states as the purpose of the assignment.

Banquet at SCAVC--

Lowley, McDermott Cited at Banquet

MHS juniors Darrell Lawley and Jerry McDermott were among county students honored Mar. 31 at the Health Occupation banquet.

Darrell received the outstanding junior award while Jerry was named first aider of the year.

Fifty-six persons, including students and parents, attended the banquet held at Shelby County Area Vocational Center.

MHSers who helped prepare the meal of hamburger steak, baked potatoes, tossed salad, apple crisp, rolls, and tea are Delores Alexander, Bill Allen, Nikita Brown, Suzette Campbell, Ruby Devinner, and Donna Lilly.

Nurse Shows Slides

Mrs. Aris Merijanian, registered nurse at University of Montevallo infirmary showed slides on childbirth to the specialized home ec class last week.

"The slides helped us understand the birth of a baby more clearly. It also answered the questions that were in the back of our minds," junior Gail Hill says.

Speaker Tells of County Child Abuse

Mr. Larry Acton, executive director for the Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau spoke at the Apr. 5 meeting of FHA on Child Abuse and Neglect.

"There are more cases of mistreatment of children in Shelby County than in any other county in Alabama," Mr. Acton stated. He gave statistics on child abuse in the last four years and explained the different types and the resulting effects.

For 3 MHS Girls--

Raising, Showing Cows Pays off

By Pam Pendleton

MHS has its share of cowgirls. Not the kind at rodeos that ride horses, but "cow" girls. Sophomore Carol Knowles, freshman Merri Rochester and sister senior Terri, raise cows to show in competition. After being shown in early March, the animals are sold later in the month.

The trio raises cows at the Knowles' Dry Valley farm under a program sponsored by the Shelby County 4-H. The only other girls in the county who participate are from Columbiana.

Girls Groom, Train Cows

Each girl has her own cow and she is solely responsible for it. This involves brushing, feeding, and training. The cows are taught to be gentle because this is a necessity in showing according to Terri.

The girls earn money by raising the animals, the amount depending on the cow's training and breeding. Last year Terri made $150.

Parting Is Sad

All agree it's sad to give up the cows after caring for them; but they are becoming accustomed to the idea since Carol has worked with the program three years; Terri, two; and Merri, one.

"It's not hard work, and it's a good way to make money if you like animals," Terri concludes.

Seniors Order Pictures

Twenty-one seniors will have a picture of all their classmates to help them recall their years at MHS. This group ordered composite collages of senior portraits from Waldrup Studios in Birmingham.

A "before graduation" delivery date is promised.

NHS Parties Despite Storms

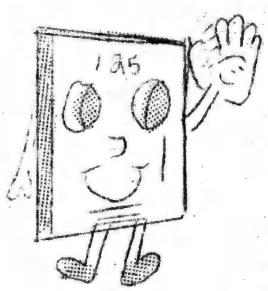
Rain and tornado warnings did not dampen spirits of seven party-minded National Honor Society members Apr. 4. The group held a cookout at sponsor Frances Anthony's home.

After the main course of hamburgers and potato chips, members indulged themselves with banana splits and then spent the evening playing games and cards.

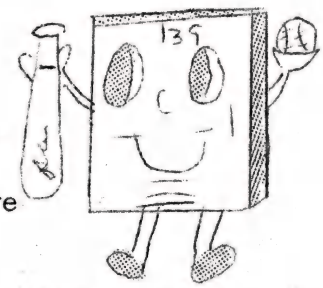
According to NHS president Ricky Williams the party was a "great success."

Locker Laughs - - -

Who Is Winner, Cow or Owner?



Baseball season's
Already here,
And the Prom's
approach
Is very near.
Spring weather's
In the air,
And students have
Jokes to share!



Replying to teacher Frances Anthony's inquiry as to why senior Terri Rochester had been absent, someone said she had entered her cow in a show.

"That's right," Terri added, "and I won first place."

Glenn Blackmon asked, "And what did the cow win?"

Some seniors in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's 5th period study hall asked what a paradox was?

Mrs. Belisle answered quickly, "Two med students."

In home ec class student teacher Martha Harbuck asked, "What is a good source of vitamin B?"

One student replied, "Raisins;" and, fumbling for the word prunes, junior Gail Hill asked, "How about those giant raisins?"

In Mr. Danny Cooper's 5th period history class students were discussing "what to do a bulletin board on."

Junior Mary Sherrer quipped, "I think it would be best if we do it on colored paper."

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Spring Word Hunt

By Anne Tolbert

Find the following words in the puzzle above.

April
ball
bees
biking
birds
birthdays
blue sky
buttercups
butterflies
cleaning
gardens
grass
June
kites
May
Mother's Day
park
picnics
rain
showers
sleep
sunshine
swimming
windy

Exhibits Art in Mobile--

Former 'Spotlight'er Has Show

Judge liked

Charles "Mack" Clark, former SPOTLIGHT artist, currently has some of his works of art displayed at a one-man show in Mobile.

"Mack was one of the finest artists we have ever had," SPOTLIGHT advisor Susie DeMent notes. "He had an excellent flair for detail," she remembers.

Graduates 1962

Mr. Clark was SPOTLIGHT's chief artist for a year before he graduated from MHS in 1962 and enrolled at the University of Mississippi, where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees.

While studying art nouveau for a graduate thesis, Mr. Clark painted seven oils ranging from 5½' to 6½' in height, each illustrating a story from the Bible.

Donates Works

Five of the oils were donated to University Baptist Church where Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, his parents are members.

Mr. Clark, former head of the art department at Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, is currently associate professor of art at Mobile College.

Drug Film Shown

Students viewed a three-part film this week entitled "The People Next Door." The 1½-hour film dealt with drug abuse in an upper income family.

Mr. David Nichols and Mr. Johnnie McClain showed it to their democracy and contemporary issues classes.

The film was obtained from the State Department of Education by Mr. George Dailey, Shelby County Supervisor of Instruction.

Art Used in Study

As a part of a unit on child care, family living classes collected pictures of children and created collages.

The purpose of the activity was to help students develop the concept of growth and development of young children according to student teacher Wanda Gates.

"Students learned a great deal independently through the construction of the collages," Miss Gates says.

Students Voice Opinions to Congressmen

U.S. Congressmen will be receiving letters from MHS soon. Mr. Danny Cooper's history students wrote letters to congressmen on controversial subjects about which they wanted to express opinions.

Topics discussed included the ERA Amendment, the proposed ban on saccharin, baby selling, drug laws, and dog racing in Shelby County.

Mr. Cooper explains, "I want my students to believe that their opinions are important and that government is responsible and effective. By writing an elected official, students not only express themselves but will be surprised at the replies they will receive."

Capricorn Leads As MHSers Look Toward the Stars

By Tammy Davis
Gail Hill

There appears to be a great interest in astrology among this generation. Numerous MHS students admit to reading their horoscope and descriptions of themselves daily.

A check of birthdays indicates more MHSers probably turn to the Capricorn section in the daily newspaper than any other, for 45 Montevallo High School students were born between Dec. 21 and Jan. 19 as "responsible" Capricorns.

Leo, Gemini 2nd

In second place are the Leos (July 21-Aug. 21), the "fearless and courageous," and Gemini (May 21-June 20), the "affectionate," with 43 students each.

Next is the "sensitive and intelligent" Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22) with 41 members.

Aquarius Rates 4th

"Free and non-emotional" Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ranked fourth with 39 who celebrate that date.

Others are Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) and Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20), 38; Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) and Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20), 37; Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20), 32; Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22), 29; and Cancer (June 21-July 20), 29.

Signs under which the faculty were born are Virgo, 6; Taurus, 5; Aries, 4; Libra, Aquarius, Scorpio, and Sagittarius, 3; Cancer and Leo, 2: and Pisces, 1.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Schools Improve Chase Butterflies

By Pam Guthrie

"Montevallo Elementary School faculty and staff wishes to thank all parents and friends for their support in helping make our spaghetti supper a success," Principal Doris Jeter says.

All profit, including donations, will be used for library improvements.

The finance committee has planned a Fun-Fair for Apr. 21. Proceeds from this event will also be used for the library.

The annual art exhibit is planned for the week of Apr. 25-29. "We extend a cordial welcome to parents and friends to visit our school from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday of that week," Mrs. Jeter says.

Seven Montevallo Middle School students and teacher Emily Pendleton are working with the University of Toronto in Canada doing butterfly research.

The group catches and tags butterflies and keeps records for the University.

MMS pupils decorated six 55-gallon trash cans to be placed downtown as part of Centrala Garden Club's project, "Keep Montevallo Clean."

National Junior Honor Society will hold a car wash Apr. 23.

Sponsor Emily Pendleton says, "Since this is Prom day, we hope that the high school students will get their cars washed for this exciting date."

For In-Service Study--

Teachers Use Metric System

Montevallo High School's faculty is doing something about learning to use the metric system.

At their next meeting, Apr. 18 at 3 p.m., the group will hear Mrs. Anne Tishler discuss this system's use. Mrs. Tishler, a member of the Montevallo Middle School faculty and part-time instructor for the University of Montevallo, has been teaching courses on the subject.

Two weeks ago Algebra II students Regina Harbour and Gay Perkins presented a program at faculty meeting on term papers they had prepared on the metric system.

The programs, MHS's in-service study chaired by math teacher Doug Morris, are presented as an outgrowth of the county math in-service group's purpose of promoting study of the metric system prior to its adoption for use by the United States.

MHS Wins Opener 7-6--

Bulldogs Travel to Blocton

After taking an opening day 7-6 victory over Chelsea at Montevallo Tuesday, the Bulldogs are on the road today as they face West Blocton in an area match.

"I thought Blocton was the toughest team in our area last year, and they have all their pitchers and most of the team back, so they should be tough this season," Coach Richard Gilliam predicts.

Game time is 4 p.m.

Young Fans 9

Against the Hornets in the opener, Dannye Young curved his way to victory with nine strikeouts while teammate Thomas Brown provided power at the plate.

Brown had two doubles in four trips, scored three runs, and knocked in a fourth.

Osborn Homers

Chelsea collected eight hits, including a 3-run homerun by Stacey Osborn; but five errors were costly.

The last miscue, the catcher's, allowed Brown to charge home with the winning run in the sixth.

Mike Snyder was losing pitcher.

Dogs Play 6 in April

The Bulldogs have six more games remaining on their April schedule:

Apr.	15	Blocton There
	18	Vincent Here
	21	Chelsea There
	26	Pelham There
	29	Blocton Here

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Bulldog Growls--

'State' in Baseball? Why not?

By Chuck Reynolds

MHS athletics has greatly improved in recent years, especially football and basketball. The Bulldogs have competed in state play in football two consecutive years, and everyone knows of MHS's past six roundball seasons with two state titles from six trips to state.

Baseball should be no exception this year with many of the same athletes composing the squad as made up the football and basketball teams. Randy Beers, Billy Belisle, Thomas Brown, Barry Kornegay, David Lash, Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas, Maurice Reed, Tim Ross, Scobie Wilcoxon, Craig VanValkenburg, and Dannye Young, members of the baseball team, have all competed earlier this year in either football or basketball or both.

Newcomer Knows the Feeling

Charlie Thomas, a new man at MHS, knows the feeling of state competition as well, having competed on an all-state baseball team in Florida last spring.

All Have Spirit

Bret Jones, James Lash, Steve Langston, Mark Singh, and Gary Ray, who round out the baseball squad, all have that MHS pride that should help take the Bulldogs to state in a third sport in one year.

With or without a third state-caliber team, MHSers have reason to be proud of the 1976-77 athletic program. Athletes have displayed winning attitudes, and the coaches have shown true skill in teaching.

AHSAA Revamps Baseball Rules

By Randy Beers

Certain regulations governing Alabama High School Athletic Association baseball have been added to the 1977 Rules Book and include these major changes:

A player will be removed from the game if he throws his helmet, fakes a tag without the ball, runs over a fielder holding the ball; or, while substituting, fails to inform the chief umpire of the fact.

Also, a runner chall be called out when he positions himself behind a base to get a running start or does not slide or attempt to move around a fielder that is waiting to make a tag.

Three timeouts for each team are allowed during a seven-inning game, with one timeout for each extra inning. Conferences in excess of three during a seven-inning game will result in the removal of that team's pitcher for the duration of the game.

OLYMPIC STARS

Pictured on campus are first place winners in Special Olympics (l-r) Jeffro Johnson, Tim Ward, and Glen Alexander.

QUICK, MAN!

Tim Ward takes the baton from Glen Peoples on the third leg of the 440-yd. relay run at Special Olympics last Friday.

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Win 20 Ribbons--

MHSers Star In 'Olympics'

MHS athletes came away from Special Olympics competition wearing 20 ribbons. The event was held Apr. 8 at Montevallo High School football stadium.

First place awards went to Glen Alexander for high jump and long jump; Jeffro Johnson, 50-yd. dash and standing long jump; and Tim Ward, softball throw.

Second and third place ribbon winners include Glen Alexander, Paul Alexander, Michelle Brown, Glenn Chism, Allen Honeycutt, Jeffro Johnson, Allen Naugher, Glen Peoples, Ken Rutledge, and Tim Ward.

MHS special education teachers Willie Turner and Kurt Pnazek said they were proud of "their" athletes. Both also expressed appreciation to the University of Montevallo students who assisted with the meet.

Special Olympics state competition will be scheduled later this spring.

All-County Awards Given--

Coaches Host Top Athletes

COUNTY COACHES HONORED all-county football and basketball players at a banquet at Indian Springs Apr. 7.

Thompson High School reaped the majority of honors. The Warriors made it to the state playoffs in football and claimed the state 3A basketball title a second year. Football coach Larry Simmons and basketball coach Ellie Glasscox received coach-of-the-year awards. Three Thompson players earned all-county in basketball, and five took the honor in football.

MHS's Thomas Brown was the only athlete in the county to earn all-county certificates for both basketball and football.

Other Bulldogs honored for all-county football were Dennis Brown, Terry McCarey, Maurice Reed, and Tim Ross.

Among other county teams Vincent received six awards; Calera, Chelsea, and Shelby County, three; Pelham, two; and Indian Springs, one.

Guest speaker for the evening was Coach Bob Davis, basketball coach at Auburn University.

Area Records Set State Trials

BASEBALL STATE PLAY closely resembles that of football, with the exception that many schools have no team in baseball. Only four schools, including Montevallo, have registered for state 2A competition in Area 7, as compared to eight in football.

Schools competing in Area 7, 2A baseball along with MHS are Chelsea, Vincent, and West Blocton. Bulldogs play each of these squads twice, once at home and once away. The best record from these four schools in inter-competition advances that team to the Regionals.

"We have a tough area, but I have high hopes of state play," says Coach Richard Gilliam of his MHS baseball squad. Along with state hopes, Coach Gilliam is pushing toward the county championship against such baseball groups as Calera, Thompson, and Shelby County.

Girls Watch UM

Sixth period girls PE class walked to the college Mar. 31 to view a tennis match between University of Montevallo girls and Calhoun Community Junior College, Decatur.

"We decided to go because most of the girls have probably never seen a tennis match, and this was a chance for them to view something different and learn how to act at a match," said Debbie Ann Ramseur, student teacher.

Classes are now playing softball under Miss Ramseur's direction.

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Track Teams Make 'Trial Runs'

Both boys and girls track teams are readying themselves for sectional competition later this month.

"We have a young team with a lot of talent to develop," optimistically states Coach Kurt Pnazek of his '77 Bulldog track team. Coach adds, "We'll be presentable this year, but with a lot of off season work, the squad could really develop."

"We're preparing for the important meets now," says Coach. The county meet is scheduled for Apr. 21; mid-state conference, Apr. 26; and the sectional event, Apr. 28.

Terry Cutts, Ricky Davis, Earnest Glover, Buddy Holsomback, Darrell Melton, Neil Moody, Terry Owens, Brian Pickett, Lorenzo Prentice, Theodis Prentice, and Sam Purnell make up the male track team.

The girls have a practice meet scheduled with Vincent today at the MHS stadium.

On Apr. 7 they came in fourth behind Vincent, Thompson, and Pelham. Shelby County was fifth.

Classes Earn Funds

Girls under PE instruction of Coach Dot Bishop recently sold stationery and kitchen products.

The group netted a profit of $308 to be used toward the purchase of gymnastics equipment according to Miss Bishop.

Calera, Chelsea Tie, 0-0--

Thompson Wins Jamboree

Thompson High showed most strength among teams playing in the spring football jamboree at Calera. The Warriors made the only score. They defeated the Bulldogs 14-0, while Chelsea and Calera fought to a 0-0 tie.

MHS Coach Richard Gilliam said, "I felt our boys really showed promise. I was real pleased with the work of linebackers Chuck Reynolds and Jerome Tolbert, and Willie Rutledge, Edd Green and Darrell Lawley performed well on defensive secondary."

Thompson's Jimmy Rogers led rushing with 97 yards, with his first carry being a big 48-yd. romp. Willie Rutledge was Montevallo's leading ground gainer with 35 yards.

Tim Edmundson did all the scoring for the night on two 1-yd. plunges and a two-point conversion.

"Don't worry about the Bulldogs," quarterback Kevin Hughes says; "we'll get the Warriors this fall!"

Coach, 10 Bulldogs to Attend--

Christian Athletes Hold Camp

Ten MHS athletes, along with Coach Richard Gilliam and Lorenzo Mitchell (MHS '75), will attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp at Wetumpka next Friday.

At camp the athletes will compete in huddle groups on the courts and diamonds. They will also have an opportunity to share experiences within their huddles which are led by college athletes.

Assemblies featuring music, singing, and testimonies from college and professional athletes will highlight the evening programs at the Lake Jordan site.

The cost is $20 per athlete for Friday night supper, all meals Saturday, Sunday breakfast, plus the lodging. Athletes making the trip are Mike Beers, Ken Campbell, Terry Cutts, Edd Green, Buddy Holsomback, Ronnie Holsomback, Jerome Jones, Kenneth Jones, Dereck Stewart, and Jerome Tolbert. Lorenzo, former MHS athlete, will assist Coach Gilliam in driving the bus.

Install for front page

PTA to Install

Montevallo PTA will install officers for next year at its final meeting of 1976-77 at MHS next Monday night. Representative Curtis Smith will be guest speaker.

PTA president George Dailey commented, "When I asked Mr. Curtis to speak I left the field open, but I feel sure he will talk about education-related legislature.

Math Students Figure to Win At County's First Tournament

MONTEVALLO MATH STUDENTS came out on top as they walked away with 12 of the 24 trophies awarded in team and individual competition at the first annual Shelby County Mathematics Tournament. Montevallo High School claimed seven of the awards and the middle school took five in the event held Apr. 16 at the University of Montevallo.

MHS senior Ricky Williams was top mathematician, earning the highest trophy in the advanced division; Greg Hardin was top junior and second overall.

In the Algebra I competition, which MHS won third place as a team, MHSer Deandrea Cole excelled as top student.

Montevallo Middle School was spurred by efforts of Tod Austin, 8th grader and Taylor Lawrence, 7th grader, who took first place honors.

MHS math teacher Doug Morris, chairman of the county in-service group which sponsored the event, commented, "I think the tournament was a real success.

"I was especially happy with our team's performance, and I hope the county will see fit to make it a yearly affair."

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Mayor Will Be Guest--

MHS Will Honor Leaders

AWARDS DAY, May 13, will be a day of recognition for service and achievement by students and supporters of Montevallo High School. The program, coordinated by business teacher Susie DeMent, will be held in the auditorium at 10 a.m.

Montevallo Mayor Ralph Sears will be guest speaker at this 20th annual Awards Day.

Certificates Awarded

Customary honors issued include certificates for perfect attendance and outstanding work in academic fields as well as for service to the school.

Recognition goes to outstanding athletes, both female and male, and a good sportsmanship trophy is given the senior athlete who has best exemplified good sportsmanship both on and off the field.

Seniors Win Honors

Special awards for seniors include the American

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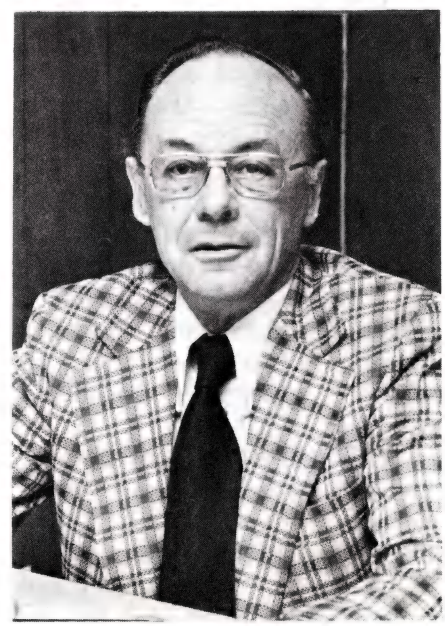


MAYOR RALPH SEARS

Gets Superior in State Competition--

Bond Puts on Walking Shoes

WITH A NEW SUPERIOR STATE PRIZE to their credit the Troubadours will hold their Walkathon fund-raising project tomorrow. Band members will ride to Thompson High School and walk back to Montevallo, collecting pledges for their efforts. They will be competing with Thompson musicians who will ride to Montevallo and walk home, following the same plan to raise money for their band.

"I hope the band's superior performance at state will encourage people to support our Walkathon," director Jim Weese says. "I was quite proud of the way they performed at Tuscaloosa, and I think their grade was a fitting reward for their hard work this spring."

At state trials at the University of Alabama Apr. 15 the Troubadours earned a 1-1-2 overall rating and a superior grade in sight-reading.

Two upcoming events on the band's calendar are a banquet at Quality Inn May 12 and the spring concert May 17 at Palmer Hall.

MHS Marks Dates

Upcoming events on the MHS calendar include:

Apr. 30 Walkathon
May 2 PTA
May 12 Band Banquet
May 13 Awards Day
May 17 Band Concert
May 26 Graduation

Awards -- (Cont'd)

Legion and Danforth Awards for character and leadership, and valedictory and salutatory honors for academic prominence.

College scholarship winners will also be named.

Day Encourages All

Miss DeMent, who has been chairman of the event since its beginning, says, "It is my belief that recognition of these outstanding people is not only quite proper but that it stimulates others to raise their own standards.

"Latent talents are often awakened and many students are stirred from their lethargy with a determination to strive for greater achievements."

Faculty Gets Lesson in Metrics

MHS faculty heard Mrs. Anne Tishler, Montevallo Middle School math teacher, discuss the metric system at their in-service meeting Apr. 18.

During the "lesson" the faculty measured objects with metric rulers and examined a gram disc and a litre cube as Mrs. Tishler demonstrated the use of visual aids in teaching metrics.

Mrs. Tishler explained, "All the world has gone metric except the U.S. and a few remote islands. It will be to our advantage to convert as quickly as possible."

It's News Downtown--

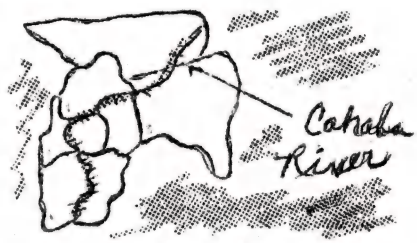
Business Group Elects Salter

MHS '74 grad James Salter is the new vice president of the University of Montevallo's chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, a business student organization.

James is a sophomore majoring in management at the university.

After receiving approval from the Zoning Adjustmen ts Board two weeks ago, University Baptish Church will begin renovations on the BSU center in May.

The exact completion date is not known, but the work is supposed to be finished by Christmas, according to Mr. Bob Ford, campus minister.



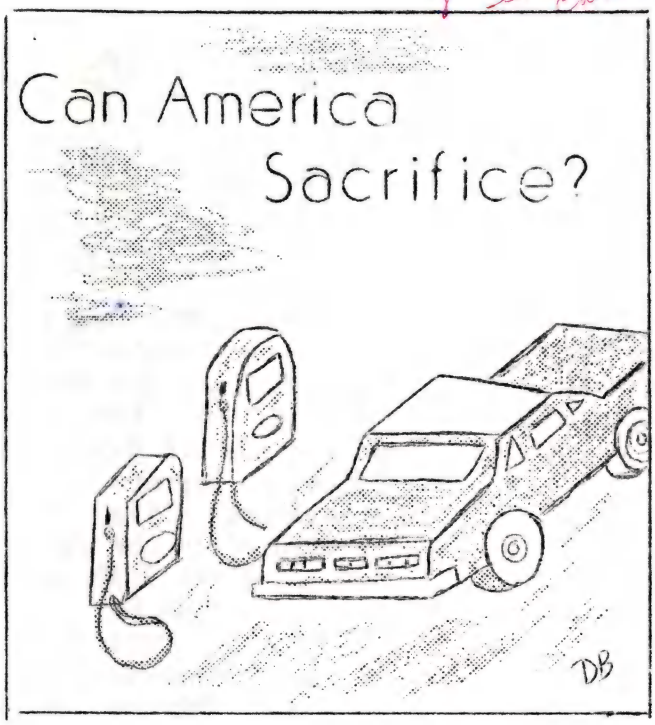
Dr. Ward Tishler, chairman of the physical education department at U of M, has been named chairman of Cahaba River Commission.

It is his job to supervise the ten member commission which represents the five counties through which the river flows.

Dr. Tishler is father of MHS '76 graduate John.

Officers for the 1977-78 year have been elected by student government at U of M. Kent Keller is president; Susan Johnston, vice president; Steve Condrey, student solicitor; and Don Carter, entertainment chairman.

From editorial cartoon



Nation Must Cut Back

Last week American citizens were made even more aware that the energy crisis is real. President Carter spoke to the people Monday night and explained the consequences if energy use is not cut back sharply.

In his talk Mr. Carter said that the government should strive to help consumers conserve energy.

In the fight for energy conservation, according to the President, the U.S. must use more fuels such as coal, which is more plentiful than oil and gas. By cutting down the use of oil, the U.S. will be reducing its dependence on other countries and will become less vulnerable according to the President.

Finally, it is time that prices for gas and oil represent their true worth. In striving to conserve energy, the U.S. must be fair, asking equal sacrifice from industry as well as from consumers, the President said.

Mosquito Problem Needs Work

Many residents of Shelby County are complaining about the mosquito problem. It seems that some county office could take care of the pests. However, when one tries to contact an office, he is given the runaround.

For instance, one citizen tells of calling the Health Department which referred her to the Probate office, which in turn told her to contact the county agent, who said she should get in touch with the commissioners.

Does anyone really know where the responsibility lies?

The problem is so bad that some day care centers and elementary schools cannot let children out for recess. MHSers can't even enjoy a baseball game because of the pests.

Spraying has been suggested, but it seems that towns spray within their own limits while those in rural areas suffer most.

Hopefully, a solution will be reached before an encephalitis epidemic hits.

Substitute Praises 'Spotlight' Staff

SPOTLIGHT staff:

I would like to offer sincere congratulations for your fine effort in producing an All-American newspaper. The five Marks of Distinction are trophies of which you should be extremely proud and for which you should continue to strive.

Thanks are also due to a very well organized concerned staff who cooperated fully with me during the weeks I worked with you in your sponsor's absence.

Linda Sproul

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Newspaper Earns Top Ranking

SPOTLIGHT ADDED ANOTHER ALL-AMERICAN RATING last week to the 29 already displayed in the journalism room. This rating for the 30th consecutive semester comes from National Scholastic Press Association at the University of Minnesota.

To earn the honor SPOTLIGHT received five marks of distinction covering all phases of judging--writing and editing; coverage and content; editorial leadership and opinion features; physical appearance; and photography, art, and use of graphics.

These marks indicate "imaginative, appealing, or effectively independent achievement" in the areas indicated, according to the NSPA Newspaper Guidebook.

In conclusion Judge Sister Mary Felicia, journalism teacher at St. Bernard Academy in Nashville, commented, "Wonderful staff co-ordination is evident.

"You do an excellent job on a difficult process. Congratulations on a job well done."

Computer Answers 'School' Questions

MHSers had access to the Alabama Occupational Information Service computer last week.

By keying in specific codes, students asked the computer questions about occupations, schools, and financial aid for education. The computer then printed out the information sought.

There are two terminals in Shelby County which are connected with a computer in Montgomery according to Mr. Evan Major, county placement coordinator who directed the machine's use.

The service is provided by the Shelby County Board of Education.

Bookkeepers Try Hands at Keypunch

Mr. Johnnie McClain's bookkeeping classes visited the College of Business at the University of Montevallo Apr. 6.

Mr. John McKinnon, director of the computer center, explained and demonstrated the machines. Students also learned how to key-punch on computers.

Junior Anitka Stewart expressed her interest, "I enjoyed visiting the computer center because it helped me to make up my mind about what field I'd like to go into."

MHS Actors Have 2 Shows On Schedule

Two plays, "The Song of Louise in the Morning" and "The Death of the Old Man," are on the bill for the dramatics club in May.

Director Barbara Belisle says both plays will be presented in the auditorium May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be $1.

The cast for "The Song of Louise" includes Rene Davis, Ann Tolbert, and Ricky Williams.

Club members Genea Abbott, Marla Abbott, Mark Baker, Karen Morris, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer, and Tim Whitfield make up the cast for "The Death of the Old Man."

Mrs. Belisle says, "I was worried at first about the plays coming off, but now I'm very optimistic. I think they're both going to be very good.

"The cast members are putting a lot of hard hours into the practices."

Troopers Train School Bus Drivers

MHS will have eight new bus drivers or substitutes ready for next year. Freshman Jeff Cardwell; juniors Bill Allen, David Brantley, Tommy Ingram, Albert Jones, Darrell Lawley, and James Lucas; and sophomore George Lovejoy attended the Shelby County Bus School Apr. 11-14, to train for the job.

Purpose of this school conducted by state troopers was to teach amateur bus drivers the importance of safety and responsibility while driving a bus.

Albert Jones says, "The trip to the clinic at the Shelby County High School was a great learning experience. We learned many things that should be helpful to us in our own personal driving as well as in future school bus driving."

State Allows for ADA Drop

Along with other schools in Alabama, MHS will get a reprieve as far as average daily attendance is concerned this year. Rather than having the number of teacher units a school retains determined by the full nine months' attendance, this year's ADA will be based on the first four months of school.

Principal W. C. Corbett says, "Under this new plan we think we will be able to keep the 26 faculty members that we presently have. According to the old plan, we would have lost a teacher, probably two."

ADA based on the entire year would be lower due to excessive absences during the bad weather and flu epidemics this year, Mr. Corbett points out.

The low ADA could thus result in a decrease in teacher units allowed.

Insects Bug Fans, Players

By Mary Sherrer

Slap, slap, slap! That's the sound heard at MHS baseball games as spectators swat the mosquitoes that have swarmed into the Shelby County area recently.

Not only is it hard for spectators to watch the game and keep an eye out for the buzzing mosquitoes, but according to infielder Randy Beers it's hard to concentrate on the game due to the pests.

Teacher Likes Enthusiasm

By Regina Harbour

"I'm glad that I have a class that is willing to work individually and add another chapter to their studies," teacher Doug Morris praises as algebra II students completed their second individual study project last week.

During the fourth six weeks students researched the metric system. The following grading period called for individual work on matrices.

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers exhibited between brackets or double lines.

"This six weeks student mathematicians in the advanced class will be learning about permutations, combinations, and probability," Mr. Morris says.

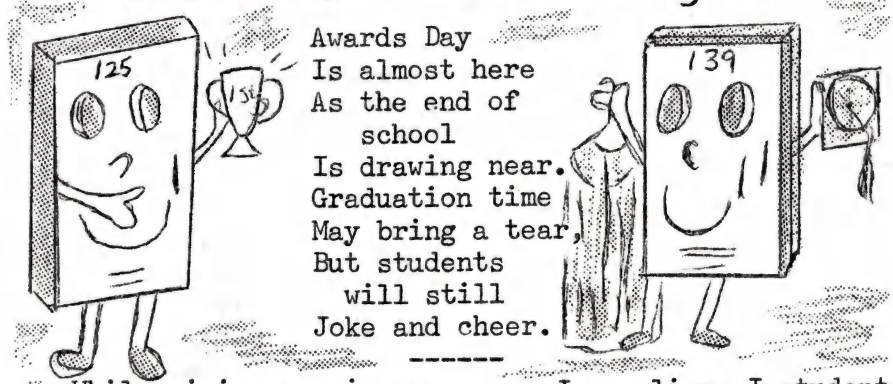
Banquet Planned

Troubadours will receive "achievement" awards at the first band banquet May 12.

Parents and dates of band members are invited to the affair at Quality Inn.

Locker Laughs--

One Student Has Wrong Letter



Awards Day
Is almost here
As the end of
school
Is drawing near.
Graduation time
May bring a tear,
But students
will still
Joke and cheer.

While giving a quiz on SPOTLIGHT, teacher Linda Sproul asked, "To whom did American history students write letters?"

Gail Hill quickly replied, "Dear Abby."

During 2nd period P.E. junior Mary Reed said to senior Thomas Brown, "You can play all sports; you have Moore blood."

Thomas replied, "I have Brown blood."

Senior Shelia Brown on hearing Thomas's remark, quipped, "I have red blood."

Journalism I students were discussing receiving birthday cards when teacher Linda Sproul said, "I always receive mine two days after my birthday."

Sophomore Nellie Yelder remarked, You're lucky; mine don't come at all."

Seniors Alison Cole and Pam Guthrie were discussing driving when Pam said, "Wouldn't you just die if you were killed in a car wreck?"

"I probably would," Alison answered.

For High Schoolers--

Colleges Plan Summer Work

Students looking for something to do this summer might wish to attend U of M or Birmingham Southern.

The University of Montevallo speech and theatre department will hold its 5th annual Alabama Drama Institute June 6-July 8.

The five-week program will have three productions, The Importance of Being Ernest, a musical, and a children's show. Students who will be juniors next year are eligible for college credit which costs from $85-$100.

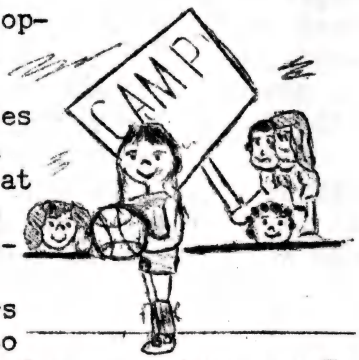
Dr. Charles Harbour may be contacted at 665-2521, Ext. 254, for further information.

The other alternative is Alabama High School of Fine Arts now in its second summer at Birmingham Southern.

Mr. James Nelson directs the program from June 13-July 9. Tuition which includes the noon meal is $175. The clinic is open to students in grade 6 or above.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony will provide further information.

Youth Aid Bureau Proposes Jobs



MHSers have been offered an opportunity to work at camps this summer.

Mrs. Kay Fowler and Mrs. Frances Camp from the Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau conducted an assembly at MHS Apr. 14 to solicit volunteers to help with the summer youth program.

The two workers said volunteers would be trained for three days to serve as counselors for two weeks for youngsters age 7-14 years.

Mrs. Fowler explained, "The program offers students two things--having fun and providing an opportunity for 'experience' to be used on later applications."

There will be five two-week sessions. Most MHSers expressed interest in a camp at Oak Mountain in July.

The Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau works in cooperation with the Camp Fire Youth of Birmingham.

Building Given Renovation Release

Inspectors were pleased with the condition of the school when they gave MHS its final "renovation" inspection according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

Among those checking the building were architect Thurston W. Summer and Shelby County Board of Education building supervisor Ted Lansford.

Mr. Corbett said the inspectors were "pleasantly surprised" at how clean the students had kept the building and what good care had been taken of it.

Special Ed Class Serves Refreshments

Girls in special education under direction of home economics instructor Junnie Craig entertained at a social Apr. 21 in the home ec department.

Refreshments of peanut butter cookies, carrot cookies, and Kool-aid punch were prepared by Brenda Boothe, Gail Brazzell, Michelle Brown, Sandra Fitts, Annette Green, and Cynthia Moore.

Secretary Opal Long and teachers Cathy Bearden with son Lyn, Wanda Gates, Debbie Elliot, Rose Ellen Hankins, Martha Harbuck, Jim Hermecz, Kurt Pnazek, and Patricia Young were guests.

Students Judge Fair Exhibits

Thompson Middle School enlisted the services of MHSers Greg Hardin, John Klemenc, and Ricky Williams as judges for their social studies fair Apr. 11.

Steve Benton, son of MHS history teacher Don Benton, was 6th grade winner with a project "The Four Voyages of Columbus," done on salt maps.

Winners of the fair attended district competition at Tuscaloosa Saturday. Steve won 1st place there also.

After the judging, Greg commented, "I felt the students showed excellent talent and creative abilities."

ELE-MID NOTES

Schools Hove Clinic, Ploy, Contests

By Pam Guthrie

Mrs. Macie Simpson will co-ordinate a "Make and Take" reading workshop for parents of Montevallo Elementary School pupils in Title I reading.

Approximately seventy parents have indicated an interest in the program. Workshop dates will be announced when details are finalized according to Principal Doris Jeter.

Students from U of M's physical education department have completed five weeks of activities with two special education classes helping students get ready for the recent Special Olympics.

U of M's Children's Theatre presented Uncle Remus Stories to an "enthusiastic" audience at MES Apr. 25 according to Principal Doris Jeter.

This contribution to the school's program was made without admission charge.

Ellen Arnold is Shelby County's champion speller. This Montevallo Middle School 7th grader won the title at the Shelby County Spelling Bee Apr. 14.

Mrs. Jill Arnold, 7th grade English teacher who coaches Ellen, says the champ is now ready for the state spelling bee set for the first week in May.

Ellen's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Arnold.

MMS math team won first place in the Shelby County Math Tournament. (See p. 1)

ONE MORE TIME!

A familiar pose around MMS is Mrs. Jill Arnold with spelling book and champion Ellen Arnold practicing.

Senior Wins Typing Title; Sophs Pace 1st Year Classes

Typing skill among MHSers knows no class barriers. A senior is top typist in the advanced class, while sophomores claim first places in the boys' and girls' divisions among beginners. Second place in the advanced group is held by a junior. A freshman claims second place among first-year girls, and a junior boy holds that spot in his group.

At the end of a month-long contest in which the typists were timed daily and the three top efforts averaged for the speed, business teacher Susie DeMent announces the following winners:

Advanced: Linda Sims, 85 wpm
Anitka Stewart, 79

1st Yr. G: Letty Reynolds, 78 1/3
Karen Jones, 77 2/3

1st Yr. B: Scobie Wilcoxon, 67
Mark Baker, 56

As an extra incentive, a prize was given to the student in each class who had the most timings with less than three errors. These winners were: Sandra Boothe, Rene Davis, Vickie Crowson, Becky Lesley, and Terry McCarey.

WE'RE NO. 1!

MHS's champion typists display their speeds. (R-l) Linda Sims, advanced typing; Scobie Wilcoxon, 1st year--boys; Letty Reynolds, 1st year--girls.

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Bulldogs Face Showdown

Montevallo entertains West Blocton today in the final game of area baseball competition.

"It's a very important game," notes Coach Richard Gilliam worriedly. "Only four 2A squads compete in the area with MHS, and West Blocton is one of them. With one loss to the Tigers already, a victory today is almost essential for the 'Dogs to be eligible for region competition.

"We were'nt ready for a good ballgame," Coach Gilliam explains about his team's 2-0 loss to West Blocton on the road earlier. The Bulldogs have their chance to even the series this afternoon.

4 Teams in Area

Other teams competing with MHS and West Blocton in area play are Vincent and Chelsea. Each school plays each of the others twice, once away and once at home.

The school holding the best record after these meetings is area champ.

'Dogs Shut out

Blocton's Robert West slammed the door on the visiting Bulldogs Apr. 15. The tall righthander pitched a no-hit shutout as the Tigers won 2-0.

Charlie Thomas, on the mound for the 'Dogs, gave up only three hits, but one was a two-run homer to Tim Gray.

The runner ahead of Gray had reached first on an infield error.

Pelham Wins

Pelham handed the Bulldogs their second defeat of the season Tuesday with an 11-5 decision at MHS.

Down by four runs in the fourth, MHS came alive with a three-run rally to pull within one run of the Panthers. Then errors afield beset the Bulldogs, and Pelham pulled away, this time for keeps.

Thomas Brown was losing pitcher; Pelham used four moundsmen.

Score by Inning

MHS	2	0	0	3	0	0	0		5
PHS	3	3	0	0	3	2	0		11

Coach Gilliam Heads Shelby Squad--

4 Bulldogs Get All-Star Bids

By Chuck Reynolds

Seniors Thomas Brown, Maurice Reed, Tim Ross, and Dannye Young will represent Montevallo High School in the annual district all-star baseball competition May 15 in Clanton. The game, an East-West contest, will match stars from Chilton and Autauga Counties against Shelby County's best baseball talent.

MHS coach Richard Gilliam will coach the Shelby County men as they face the Chilton-Autauga squad, led by Coach Jim Wyatt of Jemison.

"This is a lesser important district game building up to the state all - star meet to be held in Birmingham later this year," Coach Gilliam explains.

"The best players in the Clanton game will be selected by big league scouts to play in a regional game in Montgomery," Coach adds.

Alabama baseball all-star play is sponsored by Lion's International. The Chilton County chapter of this organization is supporting the Clanton All-Star meet for the benefit of sight conservation.

3 MHSers to Try State's 'Olympics'

Special ed students Glen Alexander, Jeffro Johnson, and Tim Ward will compete in the state Special Olympics May 14 at Birmingham's Legion Field. The three qualified earlier at district competition by earning first-place awards.

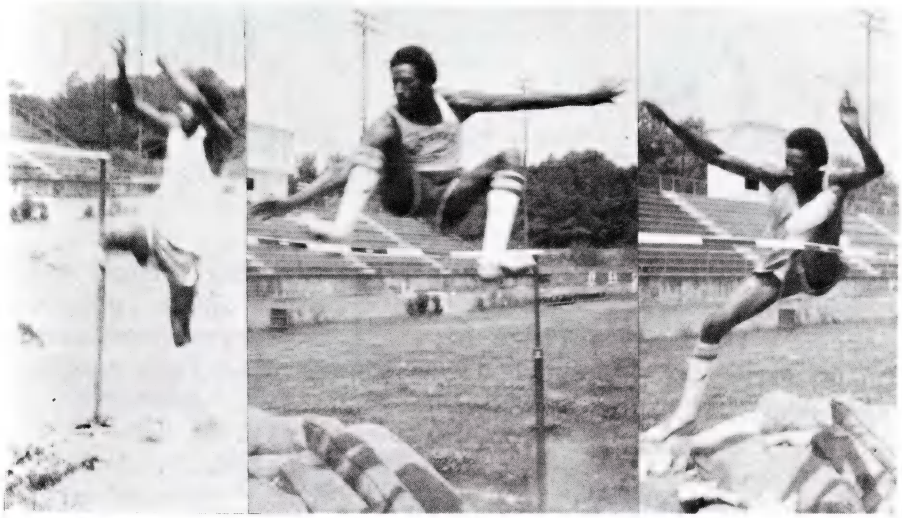
"I'm really excited about going, and naturally I'd like to take the first prize," says Jeffro who throws the softball.

Teachers Fish

After returning from a fishing trip to Lay Lake teacher Danny Cooper remarked, "Mr. Nichols could carry his fishing tackle in a match box."

Mr. Cooper and teachers Jim Hermecz, Charles Martin, and Tim Wiggins laughed at the democracy instructor, an amateur fisherman, when he carried an almost empty tackle box.

The group "claimed" 35 crappie, two bass, and two bream.



COME FLY WITH ME!
"I figure if I can clear 6'1" I can make it to state," high jumping Theodis Prentice says. Theodis is shown here as he warms up in preparation for the "big one."

SECTIONAL MEETS IN SELMA

Track Teams Run toward State

MHS track teams are toeing the mark today in sectional meets at Selma trying to qualify for state competition. All 1A and 2A schools are in the same group with the top six times or records in each meet qualifying to enter the state trials.

The state meet, also to be held at Selma, is scheduled for next weekend, May 6-7.

Warm-up Competition

Looking toward these trials both boys and girls teams have had "warm-up" matches with neighboring teams in the county. Both one on one and multi-school matches have been used as tests.

Theodis Prentice (high and long jump), Ricky Davis (100 and 220 yd. dashes), Neil Moody (the mile run), and Terry Cutts (high hurdles) have consistently ranked well in the warm-up matches according to Coach Kurt Pnazek.

Others who could make a good showing according to Coach are Glen Alexander, another jumper, and Darryl Melton in the 440.

County by a Mile--or Two

Coach Pnazek talks enthusiastically about the chances of Ernest Glover who came in first in the two-mile run last Thursday in county competition. Glover ran the distance in 11' 27" after competing in the mile just prior to the event.

Girls Chances Good Coach Says

Girls coach Dot Bishop says she feels MHS could have some winners in Paulette Alexander,

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What It Is Is Flickerball

By Greg Hardin

MHS men are combining skills from three sports as they play flickerball this six weeks.

The game, a mixture of football, basketball, and hockey, uses a football and starts with a tip-off. After the tip, the man with the ball can move only backward or laterally.

Forward movement is accomplished only by passing. To score two points, a player throws the football through a 2' x 3' hole in a 4'x5' backboard; hitting the board counts one point.

Any physical contact is a foul, and the guilty man must wait in a penalty box until one team scores.

Phillip Landers, student teacher with Coach Richard Gilliam, supervises the sport.

He explains, "Flickerball was invented in 1949 for the Air Force because they needed a game to keep men in shape without physical contact."

ARE YOU SURE, COACH?
"Looks like a football," Jackie Rainey (r) says as teacher Phillip Landers explains flickerball in a phys ed class.

Against Vincent--

6's Come up Lucky for MHS

The 'Dogs came through with six runs off three hits in the sixth inning to take Vincent 9-6 at Montevallo Apr. 18 for their second area baseball win.

On the strength of Daniel Yowe's homer, Vincent blasted out a 4-run lead in the first inning, and though the Bulldogs scored in the 1st, 2nd, and 4th innings, the 'Jackets held the lead until the 6th.

Gary Ray led off MHS's big rally with a single. Thomas Brown got a double, and Maurice Reed ended the five-run onslaught with a single.

Dannye Young was winning pitcher, making his record 2-0.

Score by Inning

MHS	1	2	0	1	0	5	x	9
VHS	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	6

Robert Riggins, losing pitcher, was relieved in the sixth by Jeff Wallis.

Bulldog Growls--

Baseball Fans Need Comfortable Seats

By Chuck Reynolds

With interest in baseball growing among MHSers and increasingly larger crowds being drawn to home games, bleachers for Montevallo's baseball park seem necessary. The sport is interesting to spectators, but fans cannot truly enjoy the game unless they have a comfortable place to sit.

Principal W. C. Corbett says, "With no admission fee for viewers at baseball games, there simply isn't any money for such a project."

So, with MHS's athletic budget in such a low position, the new bleachers would have to come from some other source.

Perhaps some spirited school organization could put forth a worthwhile effort and earn the funds.

Or, as another possible solution, Mr. Corbett says that the city park is lighting its field and MHS may soon be using that facility for home games.

Whatever solution is worked out, if MHS is ever to work up much enthusiasm for baseball, better seating must be provided.

'Dogs Have 7 Games Left

Seven games remain on the regular schedule for the Bulldogs before they enter the county baseball tournament May 16 - 20 at Columbiana.

Four of the regular games are at home. Here's what remains:

Apr.	29	Blocton	H
May	3	Shelby Co.	H
	5	Thompson	T
	6	Pelham	H
	9	Thompson	H
	12	Jemison	H
	13	Shelby Co.	T

Game Called after 5 innings--

Bulldogs Blast Hornets 17-4

Sitting on a 2-run lead, the Bulldogs exploded for 12 runs in the third inning at Chelsea Monday to down the Hornets 17-4. The game was called off after five innings in accordance with the 10-run-lead rule.

With five hits and five walks the Bulldogs had their biggest inning of the season for the 12 runs. Chelsea added fuel to the "big blaze" with four errors, two wild pitches, and one hit batter.

Providing the heaviest batting power were Barry Kornegay, Maurice Reed, and Gary Ray. All three had two hits in three trips to the plate.

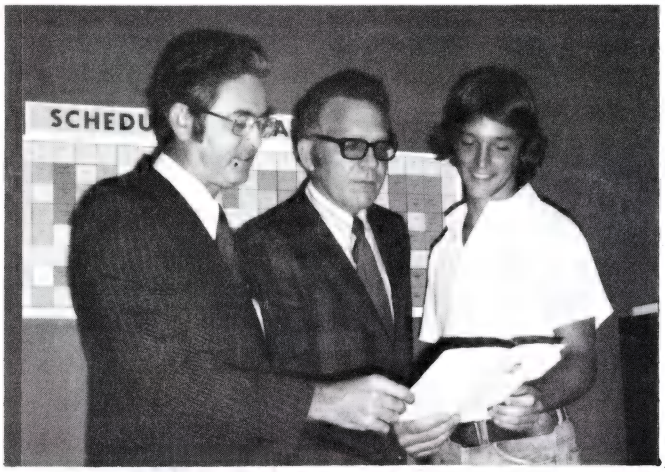
Charlie Thomas, winning pitcher, allowed five hits, walked four, and struck out five. He got aid from his infield with a double play that went from shortstop Thomas Brown, unassisted, to first baseman Gary Ray.

Track Runs--(Cont'd)

and Sylvia Jones in racing events.

"Jeanette Crowson and Phyllis Conwell do real well in the long- and high-jumps," she adds.

The girls took their final warm-up competition at Indian Springs Apr. 20, coming in second with 42 points, only 1½ points behind first-place Vincent.



3 HEADS ARE BETTER

Dr. John Van Valkenburg will address the MHS graduating class at its commencement May 26. (Above l-r) Principal W.C. Corbett, Dr. Van Valkenburg, and class president Craig Van Valkenburg outline plans.

82 to Graduate May 26--

Grads' Day Nears

NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT 82 seniors will receive high school diplomas at MHS's annual commencement exercises. Graduation will be held in the University of Montevallo's Palmer Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Twelve summer graduates will also be recognized.

Guest speaker for the event is Dr. John Van Valkenburg, father of senior clas president Craig.

The program will include "welcomes" to students, faculty, and guests from Craig and valedictorian Lynne Davis. Rev. Larry Acton of Spring Creek Presbyterian Church will give the invocation.

After Dr. Van Valkenburg's address, seniors will walk across the stage as guidance counselor Frances Anthony calls each name.

Students will be congratulated by Principal W. C. Corbett as they receive diplomas.

A reception, sponsored by junior class mothers, will follow in the MHS auditorium. This annual event has Mrs. Jane Jones and Mrs. Sally Kornegay as co-chairmen. All guests of the graduates are invited to this affair.

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26 Years at the Desk--

MHS Librarian to Retire

LIBRARIAN ANNE MILFORD who has been at Montevallo High School since 1951, will bring her work here to a close as she retires at the end of this school year.

"For the past 26 years we have been very fortunate to have someone of her caliber and ability working at Montevallo," Principal W. C. Corbett praises.

Stay Home, Travel Some

"I intend to take it easy and do some of the little things I haven't been able to do," Mrs. Milford says of future plans. "I will continue living in Montevallo, but I would like to travel a little," she adds.

Mrs. Milford notes that she has seen many changes and faces at MHS these past 26 years. "I think renovation was the biggest thing I've been a part of," she

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TAKING IT EASY

Mrs. Anne Milford, who retires next month, relaxes at home with friend Rudi.

THE TABLE IS SET!
Awards Day chairman Susie DeMent and Principal W. C. Corbett stand ready to distribute the 195 honors that were given at MHS's 20th annual Awards Day May 13.

Whatever the Task, Give Best--

'Avoid Mediocrity,' Advises Mayor

AWARDS AND TROPHIES were the order of the day as numerous students and adults received honors at Montevallo High School's 20th annual Awards Day Friday.

Mayor Ralph Sears, speaker for the event, advised students to avoid mediocrity and strive for excellence.

All Areas Recognized

Citations included recognition for superiority in academics, athletics, character, music, and attendance.

Amy Knowles, Ricky Williams, Regina Harbour, and John Klemenc took top senior awards. Amy and Ricky were named winners for the American Legion Award while Linda Sims and Craig Van Valkenburg received honorable mention. Regina and John were awarded the Danforth Award; Amy and Craig were named runners-up.

7 Scholarships Given

Seven students received scholarships. John Klemenc won a four-year, $16,000

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Librarian -- (Cont'd)

says. "This year was the most enjoyable I've spent at MHS due to the space and modern facilities now in the library."

She laughs and remembers the inconvenience of last year's location of the library in the basement during renovation.

Mrs. Milford was married to the late Mr. Guy Milford, a former MHS principal. Her son, Guy, Jr., was graduated from MHS in 1963. He now works with South Central Bell in Birmingham. He has two children.

MHS Supporters Sponsor Five Boys Staters

Juniors Mike Beers, Greg Hardin, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, and Terry McCarey will represent MHS at Boys State this summer.

Alternates are Bill Allen and Albert Jones.

Local businesses and clubs sponsoring the boys are Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Scott Long Realty, Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau, Student Council and Rotary Club.

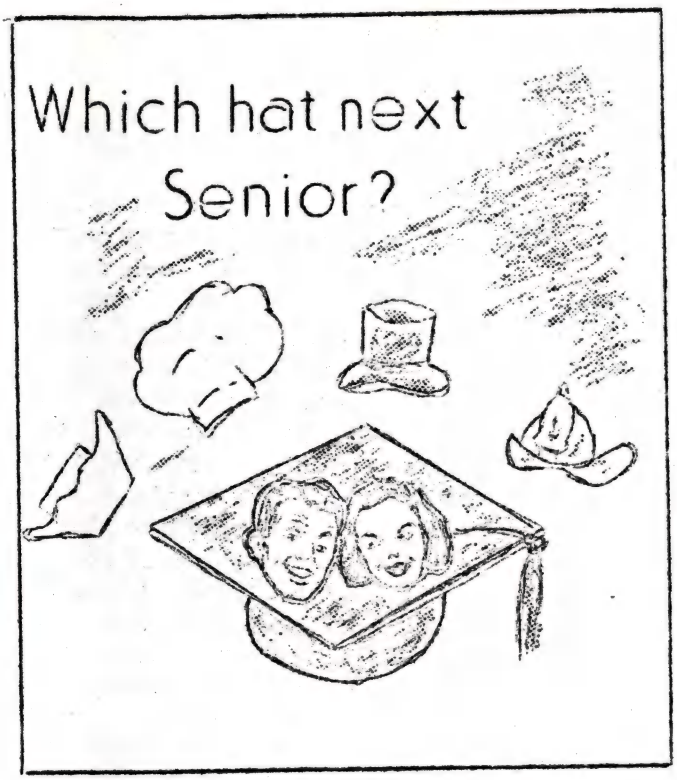
Representatives were selected by the faculty for the June 5-9 event at the University of Alabama.

Principal W. C. Corbett says, "This program, sponsored by the American Legion provides the boys an outstanding opportunity to learn about local, state, and national governments.

"Also they will make rewarding and lasting friendships with boys from all over the state."

ALABAMA'S FUTURE LEADERS?

Boys Staters pose after Awards Day. They are (l-r) Front: Barry Kornegay, Mike Beers, Darrell Lawley. Back: Greg Hardin, Terry McCarey, and Bill Allen.



Guest Editorial--

Graduation--then?

By Rev. Larry Acton

Hey, Senior, what's up after graduation? What can you expect when you graduate? No doubt about it--graduation produces drastic changes in your life. Changes that will provide you with unlimited opportunities and an equal amount of choices. How you deal with these changes will directly affect your future.

You will feel overwhelmed by the new freedoms and opportunities that come to you. The freedom to make choices will challenge you; such as, should I or should I not attend college, what about work, marriage, place to live--home or apartment.

However, it is important to remember that freedom without responsibility creates unhappiness and disorder while freedom with responsibility produces maturity and fulfillment.

There are other real expectations after graduation.

There is need for self-discipline as you experience less parental discipline.

Less protection from the family allows for more exposure to the real world for you will be exploring a much bigger world with new horizons, and what you see on the new horizons depends largely on you.

YOUR FUTURE is determined mostly by YOU.

Day of Honor Approaches

Though school's almost over and spring fever is in the air, MHSers should pause in respect for Memorial Day May 30. Memorial Day or "Decoration" Day is a patriotic holiday to honor American servicemen who gave their lives for their country.

The day originated during the Civil War when the Southern women set aside May 30 to decorate graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers.

In 1968 Gen. John A. Logan named the day Memorial Day and ordered the Grand Army of the Republic to decorate graves of the Union Army.

Memorial Day is also the first day of Poppy Week. During this week ex-servicemen sell red, artificial poppies to help raise money for disabled vets.

When Memorial Day arrives, students should take time to remember those who fought and died for their beliefs.

Press Closes

This issue of SPOTLIGHT is the last for the year. SPOTLIGHTers will hold a workshop this summer to prepare for next year's publications.

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NHS Adds New Members

National Honor Society tapped 19 new members at a ceremony in the auditorium Tuesday. They are: Sheri Barrow, Mike Beers, Sandra Boothe, Jeanette Crowson, Lesley Davis, Kathy Glosson, Greg Hardin, Lynn Harper, Barry Lynn Harper, Tommy Ingram, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, Becky Leslie, John Merijanian, Chuck Reynolds, Mary Sherrer, Iris Smitherman, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Marsha Zahumensky.

Membership in the society is based on scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Members cannot have an F on any semester grade and must maintain at least an 85 average. Each eligible student is given personal consideration by the entire faculty.

Summer School Schedule Set

Students attending summer school will only have three days' rest. Summer classes begin Monday, June 6, at 8 a.m., after the regular term ends June 3.

Subjects included in summer school are English 9,10, and 11, Typing I and II, Alabama History/Contemporary Issues; US History and Democracy/Economics.

Fees are $45 for six weeks to earn one unit and $30 for three weeks to earn one-half unit.

Students from schools other than MHS must have their principal's O.K.

Summer classes end on July 15.

Hardin Rates High on Tests

Junior Greg Hardin scored in the top five percent of over one million students who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last October and is now a semifinalist.

Each of these high scoring students is being considered for recognition in the 1978 Merit Program.

If Greg qualifies as a finalist, he will be eligible for college scholarships.

21 Students Earn All A's

For the fifth grading period 21 students earned a spot on the principal's list of all-A students.

Sandra Boothe, Lynne Davis, Paula Guthrie, Regina Harbour, John Klemenc, Pam Pendleton, Linda Sims, and Anita Spicer were the top-slated seniors.

Junior scholars were Barry Harper and Mary Sherrer. Sophomores making the list are Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Shawn Spicer, Emily Steele, and Marsha Zahumensky.

Freshmen earning all A's were Anita Bell, Deandrea Cole, Karen Jones, Ann Klemenc, and Edna Williams.

Awards Day, May 13 - - - (Cont'd)

Navy ROTC scholarship to Georgia Tech. The Columbiana Kiwanis Club awarded Amy Knowles a one-year scholarship to the University of Montevallo. Regina Harbour was given a $400 award for her first year at UM also.

Ricky Williams was presented with an $8000 scholarship by Martin-Marietta, and Randy Beers won a one-semester award to Jacksonville State. Maurice Reed and Thomas Brown will take their football playing talents to Livingston next fall as both received grants-in-aid for four years at that institution.

Ross, Guy, Good Sports

Joy Guy and Tim Ross received good sportsmanship trophies, and all senior athletes were awarded plaques designating their years of service.

Lynne Davis won the valedictorian's trophy; and Sandra Boothe, the salutatorian award.

Nine groups received recognition during the ceremony, and seven adults were cited for their contributions to the "success of the school's program."

"I thought everything went extremely well," said Awards Day chairman Susie DeMent, "but when one of our out-of-town visitors remarked, 'You have an outstanding student body,' I felt an extra glow of pride for MHS!"

Library Grows

The library has several new books. They include Family Creative Workshop, Vol. 5-21, which feature arts and crafts. Reference books, Gothic mysteries, and fiction have also been added for MHSers' use.

The purchases, under the Title IV program total $800 according to librarian Anne Milford.

Study Made of Last Names

By Vickie Lilly

Last names vary greatly across the United States, and the same is true of surnames here at MHS. The shortest names have only three letters such as Cox, Guy, Nix, and Ray. Perhaps the shortest name in the school is Joy Guy. This senior has only six letters in her first and last name together. Other short names are Argo, Bell, Cole, Hall, and Hill.

The longest names are of Dutch nationality. They are Van Landingham and Van Valkenburg. Others distinctively from other nationalities are Belisle (French), Belluchie (Italian), DeMent (French), Melsoni (Italian), Pnazek (Polish), and Zahumensky (Slovic).

However, more MHSers answer to the "good old American" name Jones than any other name.

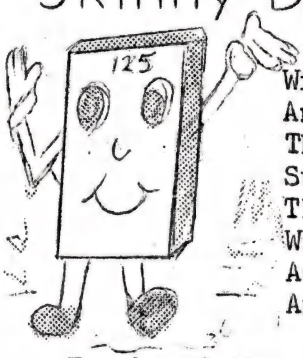
Thirteen Joneses are Alan, Albert, Avery, Brett, Deborah, Jerome, Karen, Kenneth, Kenneth (Tall), Marla, Moses, Nan, and Sylvia. Teacher Jennifer Jones also shares this often repeated name.

Nine Brown's and nine Lilly's claim the second most popular MHS name.

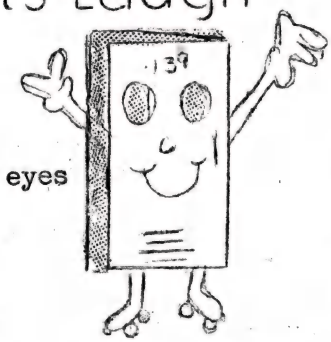
Surprisingly enough, none of the 26 members of the faculty at MHS have the same last name, a fact that saves much confusion found in some schools.

Locker Laughs--

Skinny Dipping Gets Laugh



With merry laughs
And soulful sighs,
The end of school
Still brings bright eyes
The summer sun
Will soon be here,
As students laugh
And jive and cheer.



Teacher Cathy Bearden named "bear baiting" as a type of recreation during the Elizabethan Age.

Sophomore Monique Van-Landingham misunderstood and asked, "What is bear bathing?"

"You know, skinny dipping," quipped David Lash.

During the Walkathon, senior Cindy Holsombeck said to Monique Van Landingham, "My feet are killing me."

"Bless your sole," consoled Monique.

In a discussion of how the federal government makes money, teacher Danny Cooper told his class money was made out of trees.

"What kind of trees?" junior Jimmy Cox asked.

"Dead ones," Mr. Cooper answered.

While walking to the University of Montevallo for a tour, junior Becky Lesley warned her class, "Watch out or you'll get hit by that police car."

Classmate Mary Sherrer replied, "Police don't hit you; they bust you."

Junior Vanessa Cottingham remarked to Vickie Lilly, "I'm going to sing you a solo." Vickie quipped, "O.K., but just sing it so-low that I can't hear it."

While sophomore Patrick Sims was giving an oral book report, he stated, "Then he met an actress--but I don't think you remember her."

"I think she was before your time," he told classmates. He then continued, "That was in the 1880's."

New Courses Open

Several changes were noted in the course of study last week as MHSers preregistered for the next school year which begins Aug. 25.

Speech, psychology, and sociology have been added to the list of electives again after being off for one or more years.

Bachelor living has been renamed "independent living" according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Cameraman Films Awards Day Results

AWARDS DAY IS A BIG OCCASION AT MHS. On this day talents and accomplishments of both students and adults are lauded. The SPOTLIGHT's camera captured winners with their smiles and trophies. Below is the identification of Awards Day pictures shown opposite on page 7.

1. HELLO, EVERYONE!--Guest speaker Mayor Ralph Sears addresses the student body.

2. LOOK WHAT WE EARNED--Showing off all-A letters are (l-r) back: Shawn Spicer, John Klemenc, Greg Hardin, Emily Steele, Marsha Zahumensky. Front: Connie Goggins, Lynne Davis, Rene Davis, Sandra Boothe.

3. WOW! ALL A'S LAST SEMESTER--All-A freshmen (l-r) Deandrea Cole, Karen Jones, Edna Williams, Jennifer Daily, and Anne Klemenc check out their awards.

4. AREN'T THEY PRETTY!--Good sportsmanship winners Tim Ross and Joy Guy show off their trophies.

5. LEADING SENIORS--Danforth Award recipients John Klemenc and Regina Harbour (l-r) relax with American Legion Winners Amy Knowles and Ricky Williams.

6. RESTING FOR A CHANGE--Track stars Sylvia Jones (left) and Phyllis Conwell take a break with Coach Dot Bishop (center).

7. IT'S SERIOUS BUSINESS--State track meet participant Earnest Glover poses with Coach Kurt Pnazek. (Not pictured: State contestant Glenn Alexander.)

8. MAKING GRADUATION PLANS--Valedictorian Lynne Davis (left) and salutatorian Sandra Boothe confer with Principal W. C. Corbett.

9. CHEERFUL WORKERS--Adults honored for service to the school are (l-r) Mrs. Mary Ross, Dr. Henry Lash, Mrs. Glennice Smitherman, Mr. George Dailey, and Mrs. Ruth Glosson. (Not pictured: Mrs. Dean Brown.)

10. DO RE MI--Arion Award winner Mary Jane Wyatt and John Philip Sousa winner Mark Hall stand with band director Jim Weese.

11. A FEARSOME FOURSOME--All-star baseball men Dannye Young, Maurice Reed, Tim Ross, and Thomas Brown take a break at Clanton.

12. THE LETTER CAME--Quill and Scroll members (l to r) LuAnn Connor, Chuck Reynolds, Regina Harbour, and Mary Sherrer review their acceptance by the society with teacher Cathy Bearden who recommended them.

MHS Keeps on Winning-- Judges liked this

Alumni Earn College Honors

MHSers continue to gather honors as they go on to higher education. This was evidenced by the fact that 13 of them were among those honored in April at University of Montevallo's Honors Day Convocation.

Among those who earned highest honors were James Hollon ('73), Kim Hollon ('75), Greg Merijanian ('75), Lori Merijanian ('74), James Nix ('73), Nancy Nix ('76), Noel Spicer ('76), Judith Stone ('68), Michele Van Landingham ('75), Cathy Zahumensky ('73), and Susan Zahumensky ('75).

Michael Treglia who attended MHS for three years also received highest honors.

Michele was awarded an honors scholarship in addition to her highest honor award. The scholarship was given by the American Association of University Women and the Eta Sigma Phi honorary fraternity. Kirk Lightfoot ('72) received a graduate assistantship.

Talented Students, Loyal Adults Honored

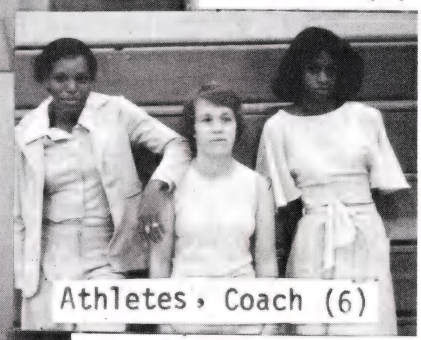
Speaker (1)

Scholars (2)

Scholars (3)

Good Sports (4)

Solid Citizens (5)



Athletes, Coach (6)

Loyal Supporters (9)

Track Star, Coach (7)

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Principal (8)

Journalists (12)

Musicians (10)

All-Star Baseball Men (11)

Seniors' Days Are Numbered

SENIORS' LAST FOUR DAYS of school will be filled with last-minute preparations for graduation.

Today they will take final examinations in social studies and phys ed. Monday will find them completing English exams; and Tuesday they will have their last tests in math, vocational subjects, and science.

Wednesday will be their last full day of school. Vocational students will go to the Center after graduation practice; other seniors will attend regular classes the remainder of the day.

Thursday, seniors will practice at 8 a.m. and receive report cards. They will report to Palmer Hall at 7 p.m. for graduation.

What Is Summer?

By Bill Allen

Summer is a time to
swim and ski --
go fishing --
picnic in the park --
wade in the creek --
not worry about colds--
not think about school
for three whole months --
suntan on the beach --
get a part-time job.

Class of '77 Rates 'Favorites'

In a recent survey SPOTLIGHT found that the seniors are dancing to the beat of different drums. A number of varied tunes were listed when the "graduates" were asked to name their favorite song.

Among songs named were Evergreen, When I Need You, Love on My Mind, Do You Feel like I Do, So Into You, and many more.

Seniors also listed favorite movies they had seen this year. The Academy Award winning picture Rocky was a landslide favorite, and Alex Haley's Roots came in a close second. A Star Is Born rated third.

Top TV shows of the seniors as shown in the survey include Eight Is Enough, What's Happening, and Charlie's Angels. The three tied for first place; Baretta was next in line as a favorite for viewing pleasure.

Vacation Time Is Traveling Time

At least 41 seniors plan to "get out of town" as soon as school is out with 32 of these heading for the Florida coast after graduation.

It's "California, Here I Come," for Sonya Bell, Cindy Smitherman, and Tim Ross, while Connie Goggins will head for Delaware.

New York has attractions for three seniors Michael Gilbert, Maurice Reed, and Vanessa White; and Pitts burg will be the site visited by Clarice Purnell.

Tim Whitfield will travel through the Smokey Mountains and visit Tennessee, while Regina Harbour mixes vacation and work in Kentucky.

Other graduates have expressed the desire to just "take it easy at home."

Seniors Like Class Parties

Senior parties have been the highlight of this year according to the graduating class. In a recent SPOTLIGHT survey, many 12th graders pointed out that the class's skating party and the outing at the college lake were the most enjoyable and memorable times this year.

Others felt football season and the state playoffs were the most exciting part of their senior year, while band members said the marching contest in Florida stood out in their minds.

Graduation preparations, the prom, the Dramatic Club play and defeating Thompson in basketball were the other events named as outstanding.

A final senior party is set for Thursday afternoon at Orr Park.

Class president Craig Van Valkenburg says the group will picnic together after graduation practice. "We are hoping this will be a 'memorable' occasion," he says.

For Economics Students--

Guests Define Banking, Policies

Various speakers from banking and insurance professions have been part of senior economics classes this six weeks. Some of these are Mr. Pat Kelly, Merchants and Planters Bank; Mrs. Annie Mayweather, Booker T. Washington Insurance Company; and Mr. Julius Barrett and Mr. James Hollon; Liberty National Life Insurance.

Mr. Kelly discussed banking services, loans, saving and checking accounts, the federal reserve system, and other related subjects.

"He was helpful to the students in many ways, especially in helping them understand their personal economic status," notes teacher David Nichols.

Insurance representatives Mrs. Mayweather, Mr. Barrett, and Mr. Hollon talked about the different kinds of policies and what they cover and include.

12th Graders Reveal Plans

Forty of MHS's 82 seniors plan to continue education in the fall. The University of Montevallo will enroll the largest number of these as 15 have registered there.

One '77er will attend Auburn University and two have chosen the University of Alabama. Fifteen others will attend various other colleges in the state.

Two students will go to out-of-state schools, one going to University of Southern Mississippi and one to Georgia Institute of Technology.

Twenty-six members of the class will immediately enter the working field in jobs varying from law enforcement ranks to baby-sitting.

Art Students Go Hollywood

Fourth period art class is now in the movies. Under supervision of student teacher Pat Reames they made a movie featuring a western bank robbery, saloon fight, and chase.

The cast includes seniors Jeff Barrow, Glenn Blackmon, James Blaylock, Alison Cole, LuAnn Connor, Betsy Hood, Amy Knowles, Henry Pope, James Reed, Maurice Reed, Tim Ross, Anita Spicer, and Amy Williams.

Seniors Select '77 Who's Who

Seniors elected Who's Who earlier this year. Those chosen are:

Best All Around: Amy Knowles, Craig Van Valkenburg. Best Dancers: Cheryl Staffney, Henry Pope. Best Dressed: Donna Lilly, Glenn Blackmon.

Best Looking: Betsy Hood, Alan Jones. Friendliest: Pam Guthrie, Johnny Williams. Most Athletic: Cathy Jones, Thomas Brown. Most Creative: Anita Spicer, Dannye Young. Most Courteous: Terri Rochester, Samuel Green.

Most Dependable: Cindy Holsombeck, Randy Beers. Most Intellectual: Regina Harbour, John Klemenc.

Most Likely to Succeed: Lynne Davis, Ricky Williams. Most School Spirit; Deloris Alexander, Shane Connell. Most Valuable to School: Anita Dailey, Billy Belisle. Wittiest: Alison Cole, Mark Hall.

'Sourcebook' Writer Visits MHS

Earlier this year seniors received the SOURCEBOOK, sponsored by the U.S. Army. Last Monday nine MHSers met one of the publication's writers, Miss Wendy Lowe from Knoxville, Tenn. She conducted a panel discussion with MHS seniors.

Montevallo was one of four high schools in the nation selected at random to represent small schools. Other students interviewed were in Los Angeles, Ohio, and Philadelphia. The discussion with the seniors was centered around the SOURCEBOOK and future plans, as well as life at Montevallo High.

Participants on the panel were Lynne Davis, Samuel Green, Lynn Harper, Alan Jones, John Klemenc, Amy Knowles, Steve Langston, Mike Shinnick, and Cindy Smitherman.

SOURCEBOOK is designed to help seniors with future plans as well as provide some entertaining reading.

Varied Projects Fill Classes

Home economics students have had opportunities to engage in many different types of activities recently.

Family living classes visited four day-care centers and nursery schools as part of a child development unit. "The visits to the centers were an opportunity for students to observe children and also help them to become aware of different types of agencies available for child care," student teacher Wanda Gates explained.

Sample Foreign Foods

Students in specialized and third year home economics have been sampling foods from foreign countries.

The girls began the study by observing student teacher Martha Harbuck demonstrate how to make an Italian pizza. The class then prepared Oriental dishes which they ate with chopsticks. "The girls enjoyed 'eating' with the chopsticks, but it was really a new experience for them," Miss Harbuck said.

Feed Children

Little feet running around the home economics building brought an enjoyable day to third year home ec students May 4 according to Miss Harbuck.

The girls prepared a special meal for their preschool brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and friends as a part of their study on child nutrition.

Earlier the home ec group visited a Day Care Center as a part of the same study.

In the Movies

In addition to their activities, Mrs. Jean Dunn recently videotaped teacher Junnie Craig's basic clothing construction class.

The three-day filming was part of Mrs. Dunn's work on her advanced doctorate at University of Alabama.

Miss Harbuck observed, "It was an interesting experience and should help us with our student teaching evaluation.

"We will be able to see ourselves as the students have been seeing us."

Band Looks Ahead

Summer band will begin July 12 and continue to meet twice a week until Aug. 1 when marching band begins with practices five days a week.

According to director Jim Weese the Troubadours will perform at the first football game next year when Francis Marion comes to MHS on Aug. 26.

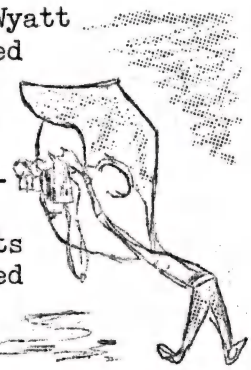
"This will only give us one day to practice during school since classes start Aug. 25," Mr. Weese says.

Barrow, Wyatt Study Photography

Juniors Sheri Barrow and Mary Jane Wyatt attended a photographic workshop directed by Mr. David Mooney May 2-3.

Waldrup Studios in Homewood held the clinic for representatives from various high schools including Montevallo, Chelsea, Jemison, and Shelby County.

During the two-day period the students viewed slides on taking pictures, watched the techniques on working a camera, and learned pointers for taking pictures.



The students made photographs which were criticized by Mr. Mooney, who works with the MHS annual staff each year.

Sheri commented, "I was confused at first; but after questions were asked, I really learned a lot."

Representatives Reply

Last six weeks students in Mr. Danny Cooper's U. S. history class wrote letters to Alabama's representatives in Washington. Many have received replies.

Letters from the Capitol include those from Walter Flowers, Jimmy Holly, John Sparkman, and Curtis Smith.

Such topics as gun control, dog racing, sacchrine ban, child abuse, and the Equal Rights Amendment are discussed in the letters received. Most responses were against these issues.

10 Drivers Qualify

Ten people recently passed the bus driver's test: Mrs. Shirley Allen, Wesley Bolling, David Brantley, Mrs. Donna Goggins, Greg Hardin, Barry Harper, Barry Kornegay, Jeff Lucas, Jerry McDermott, and Frank Rutledge.

Troubadours Plan Summer Study

Four LHS band members will have a chance to increase their musical knowledge at the Symphony School of America in Wisconsin this summer.

Trumpeter Johnny, intermediate band drummer Richie, and trombone player Tommy Owen will accompany their parents who will teach at the five-week session.

First chair flute player Mary Jane Wyatt will also attend the Dodgeville and LeCross based workshop.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Johnny says excitedly.

"I think it will help me decide whether or not I really want to go into the music field," junior Mary Jane Wyatt explains. "It may help me make up my mind as to whether I want to be a performer or teach music," she adds.

The summer program will include classes, symphony rehearsals, concerts, and private lessons.

Males Make Shirts Will Embroider Next

Males in home ec II are completing their garments in a current sewing unit.

The group decided to make loose fitting shirts with open necks; and after seven weeks of cutting, marking, pinning, and sewing, the shirts are almost ready for wear.

When the seamsters are finished with construction, they will then embroider around the neckline, according to teacher Rose Ellen Hankins.

Walkathon Nets over $2,000--

Band Members 'Walk for Fun-ds'

Troubadours arrived at MHS Apr. 30 bruised and blistered but $2,225 richer as they completed their 10-mile Walkathon. The project, a hike from Thompson High to Montevallo was successful according to MHS band director Jim Weese.

Each band student had various sponsors who promised to donate a set amount for each mile he walked. Top walker was freshman Rhonda Frost who accumulated $320 worth of pledges from her sponsors. Beginning band student Sammy Nix was first to finish the walk.

"I am extremely proud of the students who participated, especially since all of them completed the entire ten mile hike," Mr. Weese praised.

"It was the best fund-raising venture we have ever attempted. I only hope we can get all the pledges in," he added.

Thompson High held a similar type fund raising drive. According to band director Elson Hood their group raised $1000 in pledges from their walk.

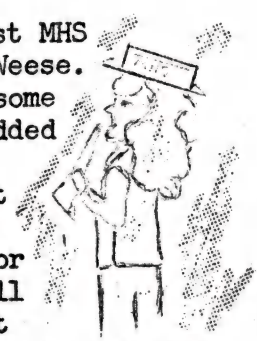
Drama Club Celebrates

Dramatics club members and sponsor Barbara Belisle will attend Celebrity Dinner Theatre in Vestavia tonight.

The group will dine at 7:00 p.m. Curtaintime for the musical comedy "The Pajama Game" is 8:00.

Mrs. Belisle says excitedly, "This will be our night on the town. We'll have about 40 people in our party."

Band Director Previews '77-'78



"Next year's band should be the best MHS has ever had," says band director Jim Weese. "We should have a great band; we have some good students coming in, and we have added some new styles," he reveals.

The 1977-78 band will have a slight wardrobe change next year. Instead of wearing berets as the group has done for the last six years, the Troubadours will wear a new head dress called "Straw Hat Skimmers." The straw hats are from Broadway, N. Y.

Mr. Weese estimates approximately 104 members will march with the Troubadours next season.

English Class Attends Play

Recently the college prep English class saw the Mikado, a Japanese operetta, performed by University of Montevallo students at UM's Palmer Hall.

"The group attended for the lyrics and music of the Mikado were written by two famous Englishmen, Gilbert and Sullivan whom the class did not have the opportunity to study," explains teacher Frances Anthony.

"I also wanted the class to have this cultural experience," she adds.

Students Pretend To Seek Jobs

Two members of Future Secretaries Club had a chance to practice applying for a secretarial job at their last meeting.

Junior Anitka Stewart and sophomore Janet Hicks were interviewed by Principal W. C. Corbett for a "make-believe" job at MHS.

In the interview, the girls were asked questions typical of those used by employers seeking workers.

"The two young ladies did an extremely good job, and I would be pleased to hire either one of them," Mr. Corbett said.

Band Members Receive Honors

Troubadours held their first Awards Banquet at the Quality Inn May 12.

The John Phillip Sousa Award for the top senior went to Mark Hall and Mary Jane Wyatt was named outstanding junior to receive the Arion Award.

The band finished up their performances of the year with their annual spring concert at Palmer Auditorium Tuesday night.

Four groups of band students--beginning, intermediate, advanced, and stage --performed various selections at the concert.

During the program, senior bandsmen showed their appreciation of director Jim Weese by presenting him a plaque.

Club Hears French Singer

The French Club recently attended a French concert by Robert Poquette at Birmingham Southern.

In addition to singing, Mr. Poquette also told stories of his childhood in Belgium and about life in French Canada. The singer also encouraged the audience to join him in some songs.

"I didn't think that I would like it, but it was fantastic!" says Pam Henley.

Sponsor Hilda Van Landingham accompanied the group.

Ele-Mid Notes--

Reviews, Awards Busy Schools

The Alabama Accreditation Committee of Southern Colleges and Schools recently reviewed the Montevallo Elementary School's 1976-77 report.

"You are to be commended for maintaining such high standards," stated Dr. Matthew Hall, chairman of the Accreditation Committee.

Title I summer classes at MES will be provided for pre - school children and for those in grades 1-3 beginning June 6 and ending July 8.

Classes will run from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Next Friday Montevallo Middle School will hold its annual Awards Day. Science teacher Emily Pendleton will head the program to be held in the gym.

The annual Track and Field Day, conducted by P.E. instructors Ott Knight and Liz Johnson was held last Friday.

Workshop Set

Flag corps clinic will begin after school Monday in the band room for girls in grades 9-11. Tryouts for next year's corps will follow the workshop.

"Only girls who are willing to work should attend," says Sylvia Jones, flag corps head.

Today after school band girls will try for positions as majorettes.

As All-Star Coach--

Coach Gilliam Heads Winners

MHS Coach Richard Gilliam, assisted by Coach Richard Conkle of Chelsea, led Shelby County's all-star East team to a 5-4 victory over the West squad from Chilton-Autauga Counties Sunday in district all-star baseball competition in Clanton.

Bulldog stars Thomas Brown, Maurice Reed, Tim Ross and Dannye Young represented Montevallo along with Coach Gilliam in the winning effort.

Area players chosen to go to Montgomery to try for the All-State team were Mickey Fuqua of Thompson (catcher), Sam Braxton of Shelby (second baseman), Billy Headley of Isabella (outfield), and Greg Smith of Isabella (pitcher).

Players chosen at the try out in Montgomery will advance to the All-State game to be played in Birmingham in June.

MHS to Play Holy Family

By Paula Guthrie

MHS roundball fans and spectators are in for a special treat next season as Coach Kurt Pnazek has scheduled the fighting Bulldogs to meet face to face with the Holy Family Tornadoes in Birmingham.

"Holy Family is the defending 1A state champions and a fast moving team," Coach Pnazek says.

Most sports fans know of Holy Family's fantastic scoring record last year.

"Our team is going to be faced with alittle more 'big time' basketball. It will be a challenge and great exposure for them," Coach Pnazek excitedly acknowledges.

The game will be a preliminary match for a Birmingham Southern game.

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Football Slate Remains Same

"Next year's gridiron schedule will include the same teams as the ones for this year," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

Here is the schedule:

Aug. 26	Marion	H
Sept. 2	Chelsea	H
9	Shelby Co.	T
16	Thompson	T
23	(Open)	
30	Jemison	H
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21	Calera	H
28	West Blocton	T
Nov. 4	Talladega Co. Trng.	*H

*Homecoming

Bulldog Growls--

Assistants Aid Coaches

By Chuck Reynolds

"Our athletic department has been helped tremendously this year by student assistants Bobby Sherrer and Frank Rutledge," head coach Richard Gilliam remarks.

Bobby and Frank have worked all year assisting both Coaches Gilliam and Kurt Pnazek with football, basketball, and baseball.

Bobby and Franklin's help included handling junior varsity in football (along with Bruce Humphries); drilling basketball men; and assisting pitchers, catchers, and first basemen in baseball.

"Without these young men we could not have had a junior football team, and our baseball practices would have been longer," Mr. Gilliam concludes.

"The school is indebted to these two loyal young men and it is our hope that they will see fit to help out again," both Coach Gilliam and Pnazek agree.

Girls Tumble, Earn Equipment Fund

Girls physical education classes are now practicing gymnastic stunts along with learning forward and backward roll series. Each student has to do two routines. "Everyone will do tumbling performances on mats and then choose between the trampoline and the balance beam for their second," Coach Dot Bishop explains.

"The experience of performing in front of the entire class is excellent for the girls," Miss Bishop says.

Earlier the classes sold Kitchenery Products as an effort to raise money for new gymnastics equipment. The girls earned $308 with Angela Evans and Lanell Crocker as leading salesmen.

Bulldogs Lose, 8-7--

Blocton Blocks MHS in Area

West Blocton ousted the Bulldogs from their chance at a state bid in baseball at Montevallo Apr. 29. The 'Dogs had advanced to the area final game with an 11-6 decision over 3rd place Vincent the day before.

MHS's 7-run rally in the fourth was too much for the 'Jackets. It sent starting pitcher Ray Sanders to the showers and brought on Willie Womack, but the damage was done.

Maurice Reed, designated hitter for the Bulldogs, led at the plate, collecting four hits in five trips. Charlie Thomas was winning pitcher.

Scoring by Inning

In claiming the area title, Blocton came from behind a 5-1, fourth-inning deficit to score 3 runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Marvin Wesley, 6' 3" shortstop, was leading hitter for the winners. He had 3 for 4 at the plate and drove in the tying and winning runs in the sixth.

Scoring by Inning

MHS	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		7
BHS	0	1	0	3	0	4	0		8

Boosters Entertain in Park--

Picnic Honors Spring Athletes

MHS Athletics Boosters honored spring sports' athletes at a cookout last Saturday at Orr Park. Rev. Larry Acton of Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church was guest speaker as various players received recognition during the event.

Most improved baseball player award went to Barry Kornegay, and Thomas Brown received the MVP and captain award for the same sport.

MVP's for male track team were Earnest Glover and Theodis Prentice. Darryle Melton was named captain. Glover also received a medal for placing fifth in the 2-mile run at state competition.

Glenn Alexander was awarded a medal also for placing sixth in the state in the high jump.

Most valuable female track members awards went to Sylvia Jones and Phyllis Conwell. Sylvia took team captain honors. Nan Jones was named most valuable volleyball player and team captain.

Miss Susie DeMent, baseball scorekeeper, received a standing ovation as Coach Richard Gilliam presented her with a certification of appreciation.

Athletes Excel

Five MHS athletes were recently tapped into the National Honor Society.

They are Mike Beers, Barry Lynn Harper, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, and Chuck Reynolds.

"I was really delighted to have five football players initiated. It shows discipline at work at its greatest ability," Coach Richard Gilliam said.

'Dogs Slam, Jemison; Lose in County

The Bulldogs lost three county decisions last week but crushed neighboring Jemison to wind up the regular season with a 6-7 record.

"Even with our three losses to county opposition recently, I still feel we can win the county championship," says Coach Richard Gilliam hopefully. He further commented that he had never seen a team have as many bad breaks as this year's squad has had.

In the county losses, Montevallo started the week losing a 12-inning match to Thompson 14-8.

Starting Bulldog pitcher Dannye Young was relieved in the tenth inning by Charlie Thomas, who got the loss.

Pelham Wins

Next, Pelham took a 6-5 decision from MHS, with the winning run coming in the final inning.

The last county match saw the Bulldogs drop a 5-2 decision to the Wildcats of Shelby.

Jemison Flops

The Bulldogs took out all their frustrations on the Jemison Panthers, walloping them 12-2.

Montevallo was led on the mound and at the plate by winning pitcher Dannye Young who hit two homeruns.

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---- IN SHELBY COUNTY TOURNAMENT ----

Montevallo Tops Thompson for Baseball Title

UNDERDOGS BY MOST ACCOUNTS, Montevallo came from behind in the finals of the Shelby County Baseball Tournament to beat Thompson 6-5. The tournament was played in Columbiana May 17-20.

Going into the tournament, Coach Richard Gilliam's 'Dogs were 6-7 on the season and slated to face Pelham in the semifinals and Thompson in the finals, two teams that had defeated them twice during the regular season.

Thomas Toughens up

The Warriors, tournament favorites, jumped to a 5-1 lead in the second inning of the final game on the strength of Lee Kinnebrew's 3-run homer. But Montevallo pitcher Charlie Thomas, silenced Thompson's bats for the rest of the game; and the Bulldogs began chipping away at the lead.

In the fourth inning, MHS narrowed the gap to 5-3 as Thomas and Dannye Young singled. Thomas Brown then scored the tying run on David Lash's sacrifice bunt.

Brown Steals Show

Brown, voted earlier as Team's Most Valuable Player, tripled in the last inning to drive in the winning run and then figured in all three outs in the bottom of the inning to protect the victory.

MHS fell behind Pelham 1-0 in the first inning of the semifinal game. But the Bulldogs exploded for

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ALL-STAR HANDSHAKE!

Recent East-West All-Star coach, MHS's Coach Richard Gilliam congratulates all-county Dannye Young (c) and Thomas Brown.

Sports Spotlight School--

'Best Year Ever,' Principal Says

By Chuck Reynolds

"THIS HAS BEEN THE BEST YEAR in the history of Montevallo High School," proudly states Principal W. C. Corbett of MHS's 1976-77 sports program. "We've had good years in some fields of athletics but never such an overall outstanding program," Mr. Corbett adds.

The year got off to a good start with the football team, under Coach Richard Gilliam, finishing the regular season with a 9-1 record and advancing to second round action in the state playoffs.

Under the leadership of a new coach, Kurt Pnazek,

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'Best Year' for Sports -- (Cont'd)

the basketball team carried on its winning tradition, finishing second this season in state 2A competition. This was the sixth straight year for the Bulldogs to compete in state basketball, finishing 2nd, 3rd, 1st, 1st, 2nd, and 2nd in those years.

In the spring Mr. Pnazek coached the track squad, sending two men, Earnest Glover and Glenn Alexander to participate in state competition in this sport also. The two placed 5th and 6th in their respective events.

Coach Praises Athletes

"I learned a lot about a real sports program structure. We have excellent athletes here at MHS," Coach Pnazek comments as he finishes his first year.

The baseball season, just completed under Coach Gilliam, was a winning one also. The Bulldogs had to come from under but again showed real fighting spirit to defeat two teams that had already beaten them in regular season to take the county championship. The two were Pelham in the semifinals and Thompson in the finals.

"This has been a very rewarding year for me spiritually," Coach Gilliam states. "I really have gotten a sense of satisfaction from the athletes I've been in association with."

Best Year for Women

Not only were the men shining this year, but female athletes blossomed into a "remarkable bunch."

"This has been the best year we've ever had for women's sports," Coach Dot Bishop states happily.

The girls began by taking a 4th place in the A-2A division of volleyball among Alabama high schools.

Coach Bishop then sent two girls, Lisa Coon and Cindy Smitherman, into archery competition at state. "They did well for their first experience with the bow," Miss Bishop says.

State Track Record

A highlight of the girls' year was the performances of Phyllis Conwell and Sylvia Jones in state track.

Phyllis tied the state record and took 1st place in the high jump with a leap of 5'1".

Sylvia brought home 3rd place honors for her long jump of 16'5½".

"It has been a fulfilling year for me and I hope for the girls as well. Next year should be even better," Coach Bishop says.

At Tennessee Clinic

Cheerers Score High

Although cheerleaders may not be athletes, they do make up an "athletic" team. They play a big part in the sports program at MHS.

The 1976-77 cheerleader squad rated tops at the University of Tennessee's cheerleading workshop on Aug. 20 where the girls prepared for this banner year in sports.

From the clinic the girls brought home four superior ribbons, a superstar ribbon, a certificate of excellence, and the spirit stick. The group was also among the top five squads singled out to compete for the highest award.

Sonya Bell, Phyllis Conwell, Leslie Davis, Pam Guthrie, Paula Guthrie (head), Nan Jones, and Bernita Thompson made up the team.

Mrs. Jane Jones, Middle School secretary, served as their sponsor.

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Bulldogs Top Thompson -- (Cont'd)

all six of their runs in the second, sending Panther starter Greg Yakoumis to the showers and bringing on Pelham ace Chris Holler.

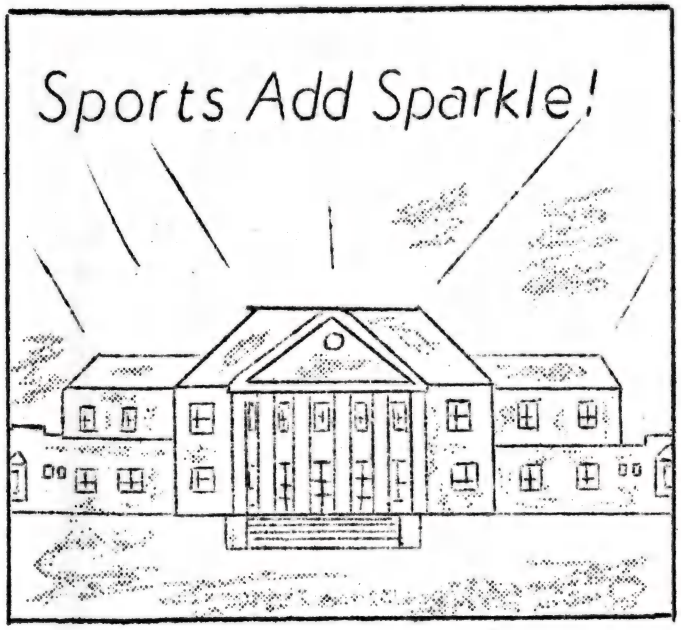
Holler didn't allow another run, but the 6-1 deficit when he entered the game was too much for the Panthers to overcome as MHS reached the finals downing PHS 6-3.

Winning pitcher Young started the big inning as he, Tim Ross, Jeff Lucas, and Maurice each singled.

Brown Gets No-Hitter

The Bulldogs routed Chelsea 8-2 behind Brown's no-hit pitching in the opening round. The do-it-all star also went 4 for 4 at the plate that day.

The Hornets got their runs off a walk and three fielding errors. Mike Snyder was losing pitcher for Chelsea.



Principal Praises 'All'

CONGRATULATIONS coaches, athletes, and supporters of Montevallo High School:

We are very proud of the outstanding records of the football, volleyball, baseball, basketball (B and varsity), women's and men's track, archery, and Special Olympics teams and congratulate you warmly and sincerely.

The HUSTLE, DESIRE, TEAMWORK, DEDICATION, ABILITY, AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP exhibited by the coaches, supporters, cheerleaders, and the various teams have brought highly favorable attention and goodwill to Montevallo High School and the entire community.

This has been the best year ever in the history of athletics at Montevallo High.

I speak for the school and community when I say we are proud of you for being winners on and off the field of play.

...W. C. Corbett
Principal

Athletes Have Responsibility

To all Montevallo Bulldogs:

Montevallo High School is proud of your accomplishments this year. You have brought much goodwill and honor to the school and have done much to generate school spirit and a feeling of pride among the students.

However, just as any responsible citizen should be willing to pay his "civic rent" to his community, so should you be mindful of your responsibility to your school and the mutual benefits and obligations of its sports program.

Your coaches, teachers, and other school personnel are praised or blamed for whatever actions you take or the spirit you display both on and off the field.

You may not think you owe these people anything--true, you do not owe them any material things; but without their furnishing you an area in which you can display your talents, you would be deprived of a chance to have fun, to be honored by your peers, and to be in a position of leadership you enjoy as an athlete.

Perhaps some of you will be fortunate enough to receive scholarships or professional contracts. But whether you are so fortunate or not, your school is offering you an opportunity to do something you enjoy, so you have an obligation to return something to the school.

If you care enough and are grateful enough, each of you will leave a personal legacy to MHS. Hopefully, those following you will take the inheritance you will them through example, increase on it, improve it, then in turn, pass it on to others who will wear the orange and blue for Montevallo.

.....Susie DeMent

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MAKING SIXTH STRAIGHT STATE TRIP

Cagers Carry on Winning Tradition for MHS

By Darrell Lawley

THE BASKETBALL TEAM HAD ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR, as is tradition at MHS. Coach Kurt Pnazek, in his first year at Montevallo guided the Bulldogs to a 22-8 record and a second place finish in the state 2A basketball.

Highlights of the 1976-77 year as listed by Coach Pnazek are:

--Being ranked No. 1 by the Birmingham Post Herald.

--Handing arch-rival Thompson their only defeat of the season which saw the Warriors capture the State 3A crown for the second straight year.

--Placing second in the Phillips High Invitational Tournament and defeating two 4A schools.

--A sixth consecutive trip to the State Tournament.

--Having Thomas Brown set a school scoring record and be named on everybody's all-star team.

--Defeating every county team at least once.

Outstanding Year

Coach Pnazek sums up the season: "I feel we had an outstanding year, and the seniors graduating did a good job getting us to state.

"However, we can go back again if Terry McCarey and Terrence Chappell can show us the leadership it takes to be No. 1. I know they can; and with the B team members moving up, we can do well again."

Takes Sacrifices

"But even with all the team problems of this past year, the team of 1976-77 showed that if an individual sacrifices his own self for the good of the team it always benefits.

"The way we benefitted from this sacrifice this year is that we returned to state for the sixth straight year."

After Basketball Has Late Start--

B Team Wins 16 in a Row

By Coach Richard Gilliam

THE B TEAM IMPROVED from beginning to end more than any B team I have ever coached. Due to the state football playoffs, we had a late start and were never really ready before the Christmas break. After losing two games and squeezing by two others, the B team got in top shape after the holidays and won the last 16 games in a row for an 18-2 record. At the end, I believe they were the best B team I have ever coached.

Come-Backing Team

Two portions of the season were highlights: The first was defeating Thompson in the finals of the county tournament at Pelham for the county championship.

The other consisted of a series of games near the end of the season where in six of the last eight games we came from behind to win. In three of these, we were down 20-8, 18-6, and 22-10 in the first half. To me this shows great character.

Good Depth

We were blessed with good balance and depth.

Kenneth Bell and James Earl Hayes were our leading scorers. Hayes was our leading rebounder; and Otto Fields, who played only about half our season as he played part time on the varsity, was high in rebounds while with us.

Edd Green, Jerome Tolbert, and Robert Thompson were consistent performers, while Bret Jones and Keith Gilmore provided depth.

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'Thanks, Boosters!'

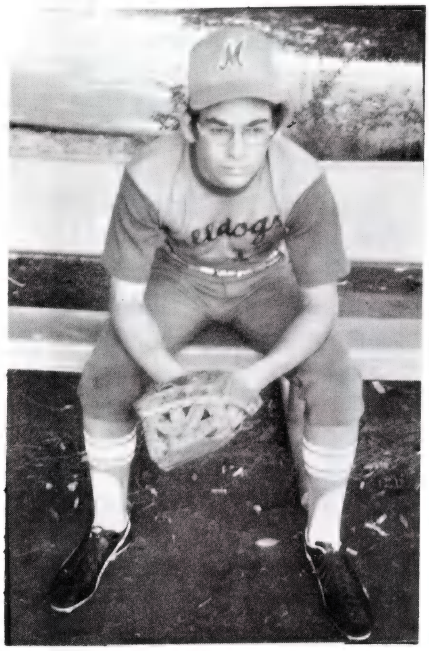
MHS athletes recognize and thank the Boosters' Club for the part their loyal support played in this year's success. We appreciate the many things this group did for us.

Their jobs ranged from serving fine meals and washing dishes to popping pop corn-- and doing many other tasks that helped the program run smoothly.

Your diligent work set an example which inspired us to work harder toward winning. (MHS Athletes)

Bench-Warming Calls for Spirit

By Randy Beers



SAY WHEN, COACH!
Senior Randy Beers sits on the bench awaiting the nod from his coach.

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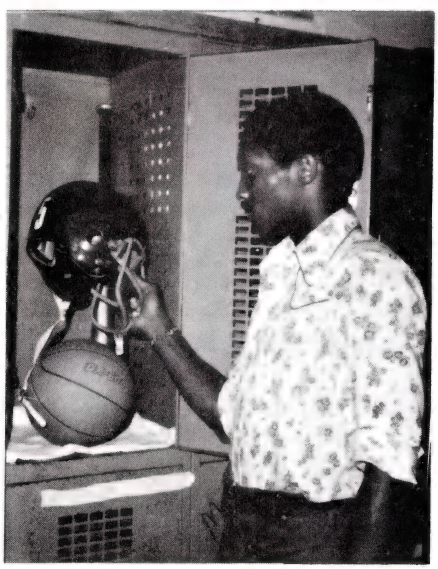

THOMAS HANGS IT UP!
Thomas Brown stores away his high school athletic gear after four years at MHS. (Story p. 8)

What is it like to watch the game from the bench? For the many athletes who sit out the game, waiting to go in, it's an experience that teaches patience and spirit.

The first thing the "bench-warmer" learns is that if he wants a chance to play he must prove himself to the coach.

Work Hard

Trying harder in practice, giving the starters competition and making them work to keep their positions all help call the coach's attention to a non-starter's play.

During a game, he encourages his teammates and tries to boost their morale and spirit.

Gain Confidence

Watching the game from the sidelines gives each player time to gain confidence and assurance in HIS ability to do the job if the need arises.

When the time comes for him to go in, he will do the job to the best of his ability and with great pride.

And finally, as I have learned, a bench-warmer feels his "team is only as good as its bench."

(Coach's Note: Randy's comments reflect character. When any player, starter or non-starter, embraces these attitudes and actions, he becomes a WINNER, his team is strengthened, and his chances of playing are increased.)

Girls' Coach Likes Competing

By Pam and Paula Guthrie

"I think it's great that the girls are finally getting a chance to compete equally in sports," Coach Dot Bishop says.

Miss Bishop says she didn't take part in sports as a student because when she was in high school the practice of allowing women in athletics wasn't very popular.

TALKING IT OVER
Coach Dot Bishop and Nan Jones get together on volleyball strategy.

Coach Bishop, who is girls' P.E. instructor, has been at MHS five years. Each year, she says, she has seen many changes in the female athletic program.

Coaches 3 Sports

Volleyball was the only sport Miss Bishop coached her first year. Track and archery have been added

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Where Athletes Are, so Is the Camera

(Identification of pictures on page 7)

1. WEIGHTLIFTER BARRY KORNEGAY puts in a little extra time. His team scored third in the Shelby County Tournament held for the Cancer Fund drive this year.

2. BUDDY HOLSOMBECK, MALE TRACK MEMBER, demonstrates how to place the shot-put to Jennifer Rutledge of the female track team.

Girls' Coach -Cont'd

since. Plans call for another female varsity team next year. "Basketball will be an exciting opportunity for girls to advance in," she says.

Coach Bishop has had excellent winning records in all three sports. "The girls have never had a bad year. We have advanced in our skills and opportunities due to better competition women are given in sports."

Coaching Supplement

For the first time female coaches in Shelby County recently received coaching supplements of $200 for each sport they coached outside of regular school activities.

"Women coaches feel that since they are involved in coaching too, it was only fair to ask the County Board of Education for this," Coach Bishop explains.

Alabama Native

Miss Bishop was graduated from Baldwin County High School. She attended Faulkner Junior College from 1968-70. She holds a B.S. and M.A. from the University of Montevallo.

In addition to teaching P.E. classes Miss Bishop served as sponsor for the cheerleaders during her first four years at Montevallo High.

3. TRACK MEMBERS (l-r) Jeanette Crowson, Nellie Yelder, and Patricia Sailes warm up for greater competition.

4. FOOTBALL PLAYERS (l-r) Terry McCarey, Chuck Reynolds, and Edd Green look forward to next year's season and another chance at State.

5. MARK SINGH AND JEROME TOLBERT show off the 1st place B team basketball trophy won at the county tournament at Pelham, where they beat Thompson.

6. AFTER BREAKING HIS FOOT during a track meet, Neil Moody watches teammate Ricky Davis begin a sprinting practice.

7. SENIOR ATHLETES pose together for final picture before graduation. They are (l-r) James Reed, Neil Moody, Henry Pope, Robert Jemison, Darryle Melton, Dannye Young, and Braddy Brown.

8. COACHES KURT PNAZEK (l) and Richard Gilliam confer with Principal W. C. Corbett (c) about next year's athletic program and possibilities.

9. SENIORS JOY GUY AND CINDY SMITHERMAN graduate from girls' athletic program, as well as high school. Another senior not pictured is VANESSA WHITE.

10. SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS stand as a team once more before going their separate ways. On the first row (l-r) are Billy Belisle, Frank Rutledge, Tim Ross, (2nd row) Jimmy Lee Talley, Shane Connell, Thomas Brown, Randy Beers. (3rd row) Freddie Thompson, Maurice Reed, Dennis Brown, and Johnny Williams.

11. ARCHERY athletes Lisa Coon and Cindy Smitherman aim for the bull's eye.

12. BASKETBALL teammates Terence Chappell and Robert Jemison "horse" around after the season is over.

Honor Society Claims 5 Bulldogs

FIVE MHS ATHLETES who were named for National Honor Society membership at this organization's May 16 tapping ceremony are Mike Beers, Barry Lynn Harper, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, and Chuck Reynolds.

Cameraman Gives Athletes One Final Pose

School without Sports--Dull

By Thomas Brown

SPORTS HAVE BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR since I've been in high school. While I've participated in sports at MHS, I have been under four different coaches. The two which I'll remember most are Coaches Gary Fleming and Richard Gilliam. The reason these two stand out is that they believe in helping you with problems both on and off the field. The most inspirational person I've been associated with is Miss Susie DeMent. She is the spirit that every sport should have. Without her, athletics at MHS wouldn't have meant as much to me.

SINCE I'VE BEEN IN ATHLETICS at MHS, my most memorable game is the Thompson-Montevallo football game in 1974 when we beat the Warriors 30-28. The most disappointing one was when we lost to Hokes Bluff 21-14 in 1975 in the state playoffs when we actually had it won.

I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER THINGS in the world besides sports; but if there was no sports program at MHS school could be very dull.

I ENJOY SPORTS because of the competition and the roughness of the games, but most of all I like the way the games are played. I'll never forget winning the county championship in baseball this year and how the game ended. WOW! What a finish to a tournament, and what a happy ending to my career in high school.

(Editor's Note: Thomas was named Most Valuable and Team Captain in all three sports (football, basketball, and baseball) in which he participated this year.)

Coaches Predict Good Year

"THE SPORTS OUTLOOK for next year is excellent," say Coaches Dot Bishop, Richard Gilliam, and Kurt Pnazek.

Four starters return in volleyball and Lisa Coon will be back in archery. Phyllis Conwell who tied the state high jump record will anchor the girls' track team.

Miss Bishop adds, "We hope to have a girls' basketball team next year also."

Coach Gilliam says he's optimistic about the 1977 football season although the team will have only two returning starters (Barry Kornegay and Jeff Lucas) from the 10-2 season.

Shooting for Seven

According to Coach Pnazek, next year's basketball team could be even better than this year's state runner up. MHS will be trying for a seventh consecutive state appearance in basketball. "Quite an accomplishment," says Coach. In track, Mr. Pnazek hopes to add pole vaulting and have more track meets at MHS.

Strong Men Are Back

MHS's weightlifters who won 3rd place in the county all return except one. Five veterans will be back to help defend MHS's county baseball title.

Track Program 'Rebuilds' Fast

By Coach Kurt Pnazek

THE TOTAL TRACK program was in a rebuilding year, so this is only a sketch of what happened.

In a dual meet with Vincent the Bulldogs won 61-54. Later, MHS hosted a four-team meet at Montevallo's field.

The squad competed in County and Mid-State Conference meets, taking 3rd place in both.

Two Men in Finals

In 2A State Sectional Track Meet two men qualified for state finals.

Earnest Glover placed first in the two-mile in sectional, with a time of 10'40" and came in fifth in the state finals.

Glenn Alexander finished third in the high jump in the sectional with a 5'10" leap and placed sixth in state 2A finals.

Record Setters

Another highlight of the season was the breaking of the school's long jump mark by Theodis Prentice who jumped 20'8".

Other Winners

Winners of first place in meets during the season were: Prentice, long jump, Mid-State; and Glover, two mile, county and Mid-State.

Members of the team were: Alexander, Terry Cutts, Ricky Davis, Glover, Buddy Holsombeck, Darryl Melton, Neil Moody, Prentice, and Sam Purnell.

In Baseball Season--

Starting Cool, 'Dogs Work up to Sizzling Finish

By John Tishler, Former SPOTLIGHT Editor

WINNING THE COUNTY TOURNAMENT only highlighted the most successful season in baseball since the 1971 team won the title. "We started late, worked hard, tried hard and made many mental and mechanical errors," Coach Richard Gilliam said. "We didn't put the glove and bat together until the County Tournament--but when we did, we won all the marbles," he smiled.

Several individuals boasted top performances on the year. Shortstop-pitcher Thomas Brown, won the team batting title with a .431 average. Outfielder-catcher David Lash had a near-perfect fielding year with a .976 average. Barry Kornegay won the Most Improved trophy and Brown was named Team's Most Valuable player and also captained the 1977 squad. Dannye Young was winningest pitcher with a 5-1 record.

HERE'S THE SEASON AS IT LOOKED TO COACH GILLIAM:

Hornets Fall

Against Chelsea, Brown doubled Kornegay in with the tying run and then scored the winning run for a 7-6 win.

West No-Hits 'Dogs

Blocton's Robert West silenced MHS's bats with a no-hitter, and Robert Gray hit a disputed two-run homer to overshadow a fine three-hit performance by Bulldog pitcher Charlie Thomas. The Tigers won it 2-0.

MHS 9, Vincent 6

Brown and Gary Ray accounted for all nine Bulldog runs, 5 of them in the sixth inning as MHS downed Vincent 9-6.

'Dogs Blast Chelsea

The ten-run rule shortened the game to five innings as everyone got a piece of the action in the 17-4 win over the Hornets.

Errors Hurt

Eight Panther hits, combined with nine MHS errors was too much for the Bulldogs to overcome as a fine Pelham team handed Montevallo an 11-5 setback.

Big Bats

Maurice Reed, Kornegay, and Brown wielded booming bats and Thomas scattered eight hits as Montevallo downed Vincent 11-6.

Blocton Takes Area

A solid hitting performance saw the 'Dogs dispose of (no-hit) West in the third inning, but that was nullified by four outfield errors which permitted West Blocton to score eight unearned runs and beat Montevallo 8-7 in the area championship game.

'Dogs 12, 'Cats 7

Brown, Ray, Reed and Thomas led a 15-hit assault on three SCHS pitchers, blasting out seven runs in the fourth to overcome a poor fielding performance which allowed the opposition five unearned runs. MHS beat Columbiana 12-7.

Pitchers' Duel

Thomas and THS's Thomas Overton locked in a well-played pitcher's duel. MHS rallied in the last inning but fell one run short.

Extra Innings

Reed and Lash led a 16-hit barrage; but eight errors in the field, several controversial calls and THS batting enabled Thompson to drop MHS 14-8 in 12 innings.

Pelham 5; MHS 4

Errors again hurt the Bulldogs as the Panthers claimed a 5-4 win despite Tim Ross's "big stick."

MHS Routs Jemison

Jeff Lucas supplied the big hits as all played and Dannye Young pitched well, allowing only one earned run. The 'Dogs won 12-2.

Shelby's Revenge

Shelby's six hits, plus MHS's five errors provided the Wildcats with all they needed in a 5-2 victory.

At the end of the regular season the Bulldogs' record was 6-7.

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Brown went four for four with two of them doubles, and pitched a no-hitter to help the 'Dogs eliminate Chelsea 8 - 2 in the first round of the county tournament.

MHS Upsets Pelham

Dannye Young scattered seven hits, and the Bulldogs responded brilliantly in the field by holding the Panthers to 3 runs. Offensively Reed, Lucas, Brown, and Young led a 6-run outburst in the second to put MHS in the finals, downing Pelham 6-3.

MHS Is Champ

The Bulldogs ended the 1977 season with a 9-7 record and by beating Thompson 6-5 in the county finals. (See Story p. 1)

State Contender, Football Team Has 10-2 Record

NOT SINCE THE 1960 State football champions wore the orange and blue for Montevallo has a Bulldog team sported as fine a record (10-2) as the 1976 team.

Team MVP and co-captain Thomas Brown went over the 1,000 yard mark rushing for the second straight year. Thomas gained 1,326 yards and was named to the Birmingham News' All-State team.

Coach Gilliam, who was assisted by Coach Kurt Pnazek and student assistants Bobby Sherrer and Frank Rutledge, tells the story as he saw the season:

Hold that Line!

A tenacious defense which turned back Francis Marion after an MHS fumble on the five yard line and held the Rams to three first downs, along with Thomas Brown's three TD's and 186 yards offense sparked the 36-0 opening Bulldog victory.

Chelsea Falls

A 34-yd. aerial from Brown to Shane Connell on the one yard line with 40 seconds remaining in the first half opened the way for the Bulldogs' 20-0 shutout of Chelsea.

Sidney Fields's 83-yd. sprint with an intercepted pass sealed this second victory, as the defense again protected the MHS goal line.

Third Shutout

A swarming defense, an offensive line that came to play, and outstanding ball-carrying by Brown, Connell, and Terry McCarey gave MHS its first victory over Shelby County in 14 years--18-0.

THS Nails 'Dogs

A fumble in the second half and a breakaway by Thompson QB Tim Durrett gave the Warriors the impetus necessary to wallop the Bulldogs in their only regular season loss of the year. The final score was 40-0.

Ross Turns It on

After injuries ripped the starting backfield, Tim Ross moved from tackle to fullback and bulldozed MHS to a 28-18 win over Jemison.

Twice the Bulldogs had to come from behind as injuries to starters left them disoriented.

Big Area Win

McCarey's generalship, Ross's inside running behind Johnny Williams' blocking, and a great defensive effort were the keys to victory. An 84-yd. kickoff return by Brown to start the second half gave MHS breathing room for a 26-18 win over Vincent.

Top Dogs

Hardhitting early produced a turnover and took the desire for combat away from Winterboro. Then MHS coasted to victory, 53-22. Brown scored four TD's in the first quarter and then retired for the night.

MHS 26: Calera 6

Ross's 21-yd. ramble behind Williams and Dennis Brown blocks in the third period broke the ice and the Eagles' back as Montevallo pulled away after an 0-6 halftime score to beat Calera 26-6.

Area Champs

Great second effort on offense and intensive first effort on defense were the keys to this team win over West Blocton, 27-0.

Everybody Plays

No. 1 and No. 2 defense combined to limit Talledega County Training School to minus 17 yards offense as the Bulldogs closed out the regular season with reserves doing most of the playing, and doing it well enough for a 38-8 rout.

At the end of the regular season the 'Dogs stood 9-1 and Area 4 champs for the second straight year.

STATE PLAYOFFS

First Round

The Bulldogs, remembering last year's freakish loss to Hokes Bluff (when the 'Dogs outgained the Eagles 456 to 48 yards but still lost 21-14), didn't allow HBHS a first down until the third quarter when MHS led 35-0.

McCarey, leading ground gainer with 110 yards, had two TD's and Brown had three as the Bulldogs won the Region IV championship 35-16.

So Close

Three fumbles (on Eclectic's 4 and MHS's 24 and 40) plus a one-time-only defensive leak that allowed the home team Panthers a 35-yd. TD-run just before halftime, gave Elmore County a 14-6 victory over MHS. The 'Dogs won in the battle of statistics, but the trunovers were too much, as MHS fell to the eventual 2A state champions.

12 Men Honored --

Athletes Sparkle as All-Stars

MHS athletes not only performed well in the eyes of their coaches, but also in the eyes of opposing coaches and sports writers. When others got a chance to name the all-stars, 12 different Bulldogs were named to All County, Mid-State Conference and State teams. Heading the list was senior Thomas Brown. Brown made All County, All Conference and All State in basketball and football; All Area in basketball and All County in baseball.

Gridders Shine

Seniors Tim Ross and Maurice Reed were named to All County, All Conference and Alternate All State teams in football. Others in football chosen to all star teams were: Dennis Brown, All County; Jeff Lucas, Honorable Mention All County; Terry McCarey, All County; and Sidney Fields, Honorable Mention All County.

Basketball Stars

There were many standouts on MHS's second place state basketball team. Picked as all stars with Brown were Ken Bell, All County "B" Team; Otto Fields, MVP County "B" Team Tournament; Earl Hayes, All County "B" Team; and Henry Pope, All County and All Area.

The Bulldog's ace pitcher, Dannye Young, was chosen to the baseball All County team in addition to Brown.

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In Volleyball--

Jones Leads Team

The volleyball team had a great year according to Coach Dot Bishop. They defeated Thompson, took the County title, and came in fourth in the state.

"The girls put it all together as a team, even though there seemed to be a shortage of skilled players," says Miss Bishop.

Nan Jones was named key player as she set up the balls for spikes. Other team members were Phyllis Conwell, Suzanette Campbell, Linda Chism Joy Guy, and Bernita Thompson.

'77 Class Ends 95 'Years' of Service at MHS

The 1977 graduating athletes have given a total of 95 seasons of their athletic ability toward making the sports program at MHS one of the most highly respected in the State. These "seasons" include play in basketball, football, baseball, and track; and in management.

The 20 senior athletes are Randy Beers, Thomas Brown, Shane Connell, Robert Jemison, Steve Langston, Darryle Melton, Henry Pope, James Reed, Maurice Reed, Tim Ross, Frank Rutledge, Freddie Thompson, Craig VanValkenburg, Johnny Williams, Dannye Young, Billy Belisle, Neil Moody, Dennis Brown, Ronnie Hale, and Jimmy Lee Talley.

Seven athletes have given five or more seasons to sports. They are: Thomas Brown, 14; Maurice Reed, 11; Talley, 8; Ross, 7; Rutledge, 6; James Reed, 5; and Johnny Williams, 5.

Special Ed Has Winners

Not only did the varsity teams have a successful year, but the special ed athletes did their part to spotlight MHS in sports as well. Three of this group earned top honors at the State Special Olympics in Birmingham. Their sponsor was Mr. Willie Turner.

Glenn Chism and Tim Ward took gold medals for the softball throw and the high jump, respectively.

Jeffro Johnson brought home two silvers for his standing long jump and the 50-yd. dash.

Earlier they and other special ed students captured honors at District Special Olympics held at Montevallo in April.

First place winners were: Glenn Alexander (high and long jumps), Jeffro Johnson (50-yd. dash and the standing long jump); and Tim Ward (softball throw).

Second and third place awards went to Glenn Alexander, Paul Alexander, Michele Brown, Glenn Chism, Allen Honeycutt, Jeffro Johnson, Allen Naugher, Glenn Peoples, Ken Rutledge, and Tim Ward.

Lifters Take 3rd

John Merijanian made the 3rd best individual lift as the weight team took 3rd place in the county.

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "The team could have done better, but one member misjudged his first lift and failed on the last two.

MONTEVALLO
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SCOREBOARD

1976-1977
THE
YEAR
OF THE
BULLDOG!

THE BULLDOGS' 1976-77 scoreboard shows a winning season in all sports beginning with the football team's 10-2 record and advancement to the second round in state playoffs. For the sixth straight year the basketball team (22-8) went to state, taking 2nd place there. The B basketball team was a winner also, capturing the county title with an 18-2 record. The baseball team took the county championship and ended the season with a 9-7 showing.

Female athletes, with an 8-1 record, took 4th place in state volleyball competition.

FOOTBALL

MHS		Opp
36	Francis Marion	0
20	Chelsea	0
18	Shelby County	0
0	Thompson	40
28	Jemison	18
26	Vincent	18
53	Winterboro	22
26	Calera	6
27	West Blocton	0
38	Tall. Co. Tr.	8
	State Playoffs	
35	Hokes Bluff	16
6	Eclectic	14

BASEBALL

MHS		Opp
7	Chelsea	6
0	West Blocton	2
9	Vincent	6
17	Chelsea	4
9	Vincent	6
7	West Blocton	8
12	Shelby County	7
3	Thompson	4
8	Thompson	14
5	Pelham	11
5	Pelham	6
12	Jemison	2
2	Shelby County	5
	County Tourn.	
8	Chelsea	2
6	Pelham	3
6	Thompson	5

VARSITY BASKETBALL

MHS		Opp.
60	Jemison	59
80	Winterboro	41
60	Bibb County	52
58	Thompson	54
83	Ind. Springs	45
76	Shelby County	57
57	Dallas County	55
54	Briarwood	37
78	Shelby County	57
56	Francis Marion	55
39	Vincent	44
42	Thompson	66
88	West Blocton	94
59	Francis Marion	77
66	Bibb County	48
61	Winterboro	56
	Phillips Meet	
62	Anniston	43
60	Phillips	45
45	Hayes	60
	County Meet	
44	Calera	37
33	Shelby	24
38	Thompson	68
	Conference Meet	
63	Pell City	66
	Area	
98	Chelsea	30
56	Marion	54
67	Tall. Co. Tr.	63
	Region	
79	Ashville	43
	State	
51	Oak Grove	46
61	Madison County	54
51	St. Jude	69

VOLLEYBALL

MHS		Opp.
15;15	Vincent	6;11
2;15	Thompson	15;17
15;15	Shelby	0;7
15;15	Pelham	9;7
15;17	Chelsea	9;15
15;15	Vincent	2;10
15;15;15	Thompson	3;13;9
15;15	Shelby Co.	6;3
15;15	Pelham	8;10

B TEAM BASKETBALL

MHS		Opp.
34	Jemison	28
37	Winterboro	32
34	Bibb County	36
43	Thompson	46
52	Ind. Springs	26
38	Shelby County	29
47	Dallas County	26
	*County Tournament	
55	*Pelham	33
56	*Indian Springs	15
45	*Thompson	41
43	Briarwood	26
49	Shelby County	42
51	Francis Marion	45
58	Vincent	36
44	Bibb County	43
43	Winterboro	39
42	Vincent	35
43	Thompson	34
52	West Blocton	46
43	Francis Marion	37